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Kash Dash Benefits Vulnerable Communities in Africa

The 11th Annual Kash Dash went off without a hitch last Saturday afternoon. The hot, hazy and humid conditions weren't enough to place a damper on this very popular event, a fundraiser sponsored by Canadian Physicians for Aid and Relief (CPAR).

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Brandon Spencer finished 3rd

Highlands East Building Official Under the Gun

Building contractors, suppliers, designers and property owners came head to head with the Highlands East Council last week at a heated meeting about building permits or lack thereof. The meeting, attended by over 30 concerned people, two lawyers, four Highlands East staff and all of the Highlands East Council, convened in the busy pub room of the Fox & Hounds on Paudash Lake. The tension in the room could be cut with a knife.

Larry Haight of Compudraft Design Services in Bancroft chaired the meeting. Haight, a Registered Building Technologist, said, "I've been hearing concerns from people all summer." He finally decided to call the meeting to give people a chance to discuss mutual concerns that have been raised about delays in the issuance of building permits in Highlands East by their Chief Building Official (CBO) Randy Dunsmore and the fallout resulting from the lack of permits. Haight has been sending e-mails to the Municipality since early June outlining his own concerns about the loss of the building season, unwarranted requests for information by the CBO and the costs associated with those requests.

Haight said, "People are being delayed excessively compared to other municipalities," and added that he deals with at least three dozen municipalities and has never had problems such as he is encountering now. According to Haight the turnaround time for a building permit is normally about 10 days with questions being raised about the applications during that time frame. (Haight later confirmed that he has dealt with building officials in Peterborough, Ottawa, Kingston and Lindsay and many other smaller municipalities in between.)

Building Official cont'd... pg. 7...

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

"Is anyone in the Township accountable for what is going on? Who hired this man? What are his qualifications?"

Maple Leaf Listeriosis Recall Affects Haliburton Camp

Medeba Acts Immediately to Inform Campers and Staff.

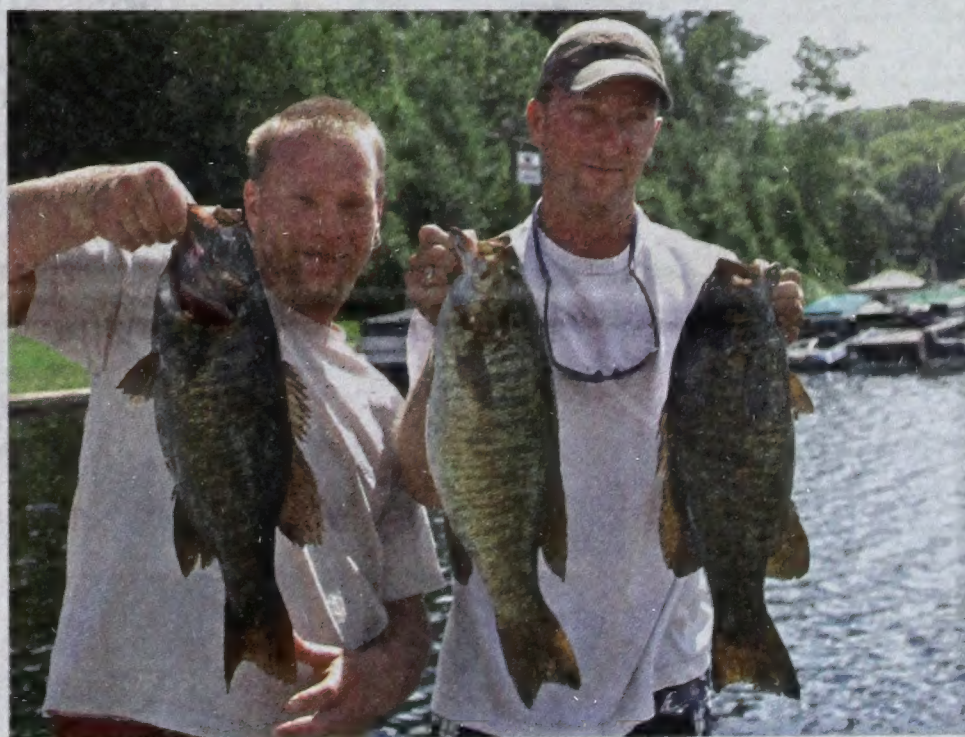
The nation-wide recall of certain Maple Leaf Foods products after one of the company's production lines was found to have been contaminated with Listeria has affected at least one Haliburton area camp.

Medeba Adventure Centre, located in West Guilford, emailed all its campers (and their parents) who attended the Venture 4 session August 11th to August 15th with the following message: "we would like to inform you that during your child's stay at Medeba some of these products in the form of sliced lunch meat were served to the entire camp and your child may have consumed some."

Ken Stevens, Medeba's Food Services Director, said that two Medeba staffers may have been infected, but it was very difficult to determine the cause: "one staff member had an upset tummy, and was throwing up, but it was over in a day. This kind of upset is not uncommon at any camp, or in any home for that matter. And so far we haven't heard of any campers contracting Listeriosis. Maple Leaf, through our distributor, Strano, informed us at the end of last week that they'd supplied some of the products to us, and we emailed our entire camper list immediately."

Steve Hemings, General Manager of Camp Wanakita, praised Maple Leaf Foods for their prompt response to the crisis: "Maple Leaf informed us immediately about the recall, and shortly afterwards we were able to determine that as it happened, we were using none of the suspect products. So we were able to reassure all our campers and staff sure that there was concern, and we did receive

Maple Leaf cont'd... pg 6....



Second Annual Minden Hills Bass Derby

First place winners Mark Brohm (L) & Scott Bird (R) hold up their winning catches during the recent Annual Minden Hills Bass Derby. See more exciting fish derby pictures inside...



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Giving From the Heart Blood Donors Make a Contribution At Urgent Time of Need

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

Many local residents and visitors were donating an hour of their time to give the gift of life to Canadian Blood Services on Monday at the Haliburton Legion.

According to Linda Mather, Community Development Coordinator for Canadian Blood Services, there is an increased need for blood in the summer months, especially with the approaching long weekend.

"An ongoing combination of challenges this summer, including a national increase in hospital demand, many of our regular blood donors on vacation and an increase in trauma, means continued donations from local residents are vital to patients needing blood," stated Mather in a recent Canadian Blood Services media release.

The goal of the group was to collect a total of 135 units of



Left:
Pamela
Marsales
& below
Sandra
Duchenin
give blood.



blood at the one day clinic. One unit, or 450 ml of blood, is drawn from the donor and those who made the choice to donate blood spent an average of one hour at the clinic.

The entire process for a donor included: registration, a health assessment and of course, the actual donation.

Once donations were complete, snacks and juice were provided by the Haliburton Legion Ladies Auxiliary.

Mather points out that one trauma patient may need 30-50 units of blood. During long weekends, blood donations become even more important since blood components, such as platelets, which are needed to treat many kinds of cancers, only have a five-day shelf life and need to be replenished on an ongoing basis.

Blood donor clinics are held at the Haliburton Legion once every two months and the next clinic will be held on Monday, Oct. 27 from 12:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

To find out about how you can book an appointment to make a donation, call 1-888-2-DONATE. To learn more visit www.blood.ca or visit the new web site at www.thankyourdonor.ca to hear directly from patients and families touched by blood donors. ■

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FRIDAY



Chance of afternoon thunderstorms

▲ 24° ▼ 13°

SATURDAY



Mostly sunny and cooler

▲ 25° ▼ 14°

SUNDAY



Sunny and pleasant

▲ 26° ▼ 14°

MONDAY



Sunny and continued pleasant

▲ 27° ▼ 14°

TUESDAY



Continued sunny and pleasant

▲ 27° ▼ 16°

WEDNESDAY



Chance of scattered thunderstorms

▲ 24° ▼ 13°

AROUND THE REGION: Dry weather will be experienced on Thursday as skies will be partly sunny. Highs will be in the middle 20s. A cold front may produce a few thunderstorms on Friday. Highs will remain in the middle 20s. High pressure will dominate the weather this weekend and the first part of next week. Skies will be sunny with highs in the mid- and upper 20s.

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LOTTO 649

Aug 23, 2008

03 07 13 30 38 46

Bonus Number 24

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Aug 22, 2008

01 18 26 27 38 41 42

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Bancroft	24/13/pc	24/13/ls	25/14/su	26/14/su	27/15/su	27/16/su
Dorset	23/12/pc	24/13/ls	25/14/su	26/14/su	27/15/su	27/16/su
Haliburton	24/13/pc	24/13/ls	25/14/su	26/14/su	27/15/su	27/16/su
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Kingston	25/13/pc	26/14/ls	26/15/su	27/16/su	28/17/su	28/18/su
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Minden	24/13/pc	25/14/ls	26/15/su	27/16/su	28/17/su	28/18/su
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Ottawa	25/13/pc	26/14/ls	26/15/su	27/16/su	28/17/su	28/18/su
Toronto	25/13/pc	26/14/ls	26/15/su	27/16/su	28/17/su	28/18/su

NATIONAL CITIES						
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Edmonton	20/9/cl	21/8/pc	21/10/pc	16/5/pc	18/3/cl	27/13/cl
Fredericton	26/13/su	24/12/pc	24/13/dz	25/14/dz	23/11/su	27/13/su
Halifax	24/13/pc	22/12/cl	21/16/cl	17/16/ra	20/14/su	20/14/pc
Montreal	26/13/pc	25/14/pc	25/18/sh	25/17/su	26/16/su	28/17/su
Regina	23/9/pc	24/9/ls	27/7/pc	24/10/cl	21/7/pc	31/17/su
St. John's	23/13/pc	24/14/pc	15/14/cl	16/14/pc	14/14/cl	17/13/su
Saskatoon	19/9/cl	19/9/pc	26/12/pc	19/12/cl	17/6/su	28/15/pc
Vancouver	19/13/sh	20/14/sh	19/13/dz	19/11/su	19/12/cl	23/14/cl
Whitehorse	14/3/sh	13/3/sh	10/2/dz	8/1/dz	8/2/dz	12/0/sh
Winnipeg	20/9/sh	19/9/sh	24/10/su	24/13/su	22/12/ls	27/15/su

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Last seven days	High	Low	Prec.
Monday 8/25	20°C	8°C	0.0 mm
Sunday 8/24	27°C	15°C	1.3 mm
Saturday 8/23	29°C	15°C	0.0 mm
Friday 8/22	29°C	10°C	0.0 mm
Thursday 8/21	23°C	6°C	0.0 mm
Wednesday 8/20	23°C	6°C	0.0 mm
Tuesday 8/19	19°C	9°C	0.0 mm

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SUN & MOON

Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set
Thu. 6:32 a.m./7:58 p.m.	3:39 a.m./6:56 p.m.
Fri. 6:33 a.m./7:56 p.m.	4:59 a.m./7:21 p.m.
Sat. 6:34 a.m./7:54 p.m.	6:16 a.m./7:43 p.m.
Sun. 6:35 a.m./7:52 p.m.	7:29 a.m./8:02 p.m.
Mon. 6:37 a.m./7:50 p.m.	8:41 a.m./8:21 p.m.
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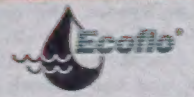
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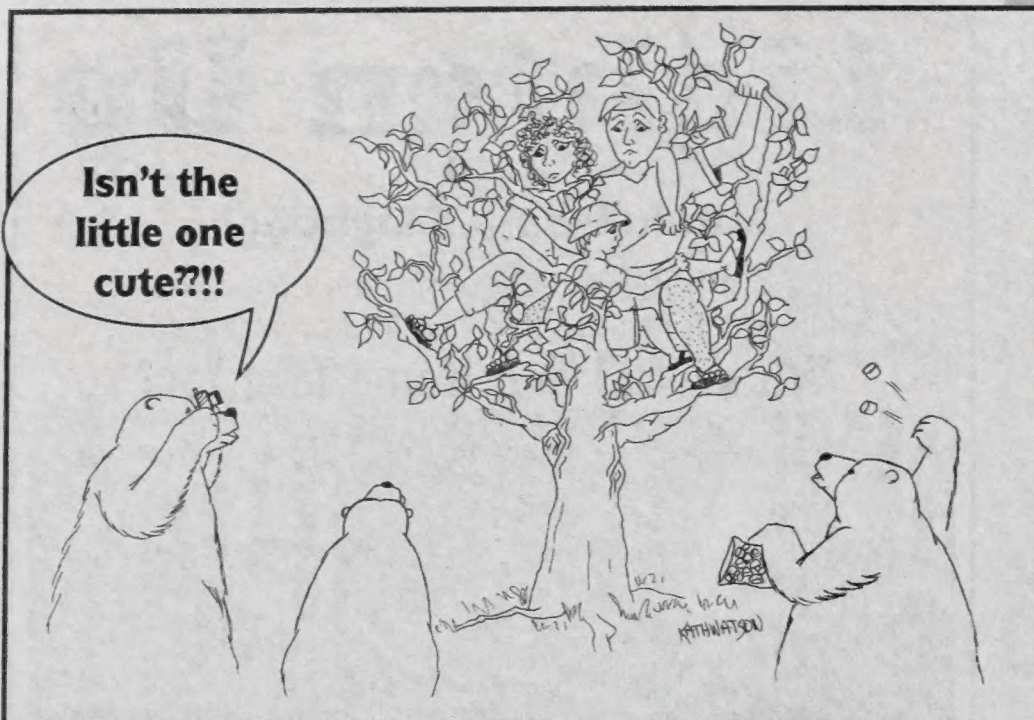


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Letter of the Week

Dear Editor: RE: Harcourt Site to Reopen

"Have public information meetings been scheduled?"

I graduated from Ryerson Polytechnic Institute in 1960 with a degree in Electrical Technology. I was employed with Ontario Hydro in Timmins as a 'Protection and Control Technologist' and retired in 1994.

In the early 1980s I was involved in the commissioning of the first Co-Generation plant ever developed in Ontario. This occurred in Chapleau, a town of about 3000 people supported by four lumber mills, some CP Rail facilities, and a large Ministry of Natural Resources base. The Co-Generation project was a joint venture between Ontario Hydro, the Provincial Government, the local saw mills, and the town of Chapleau. A private company was used to run the Co-Generation Steam Plant.

This was the first time that Ontario Hydro had allowed a private company to tie into the Hydro Grid System. There were a number of electrical utilities tied to the Hydro Grid, but no private companies. The Power Plant itself was a Steam Generation Unit, and the boilers were fired using bio fibre such as saw dust, wood bark, wood waste, slash and fuel oil (to start the unit up).

The boilers produced steam which was fed to a turbine and an AC Generator coupled to a turbine shaft. The Generator produced about 3000 Kilowatts.

I do not recall the 'feed rate', i.e. the number of cubic yards of bio fibre per hour that was needed to produce the steam necessary to generate 3000 KW, but I know it must have been considerable.

The four saw mills operated on a one shift/five days per week, while the Power Plant operated seven days/24 hours, or five days/24 hours. (With a steam plant you have to operate the plant continuously – there is no such thing as a "Start & Stop" operation.) These four saw mills were hard pressed to supply enough wood waste bio fibre to keep the steam plant running.

It can be reasonably assumed that with only one saw mill on site in Harcourt, this proposed Greenview Wood Products plant will need many other sources of bio fibre to produce 4000 KW on a continuous, seven day or five day/24 hour basis.

In addition, the proposed Harcourt Project poses some other interesting points to ponder:

- 1) Since the Power Plant will be fuelled by wood waste, or bio fuel, it will give off considerable emissions: has an Environmental Assessment been carried out?
- 2) Have Public Information meetings been scheduled?

I have a hard time believing that the Power Plant can be in service by June 2009. There has to be considerable design work, construction of the plant itself, and so on. Keep in mind that a 4000 KW Power Plant is not a standard, off the shelf item.

Is it viable? I'd say yes. Is it safe? I'd say yes. Is it economical? Only time will tell. Is it eco-friendly? It'd better be.

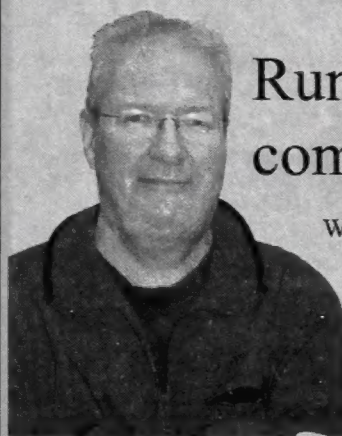
I wish the developer all the best in this project and only time will tell if our tax dollars have been spent wisely.

Eddie Lehman
Maple Lake. ■

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EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT

BY Stephen Patrick



Run for your lives – here come the politicians!

Well, I realize that the writ hasn't been dropped as yet. But all indications point to a fall general election, likely before our American friends hit the polls in the first week of November. Conservative Prime Minister Stephen Harper, while not exactly soaring in the polls, seems a good bet to salvage at least another minority, probably a strengthened one at that, which may be the best he can hope for in these edgy economic times.

Harper has in effect governed as if he had a majority, capitalizing on the perceived weakness of Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion, the sliding fortunes of the Bloc Québécois, and the Green Party's gradual, but important, siphoning of support from the New Democrats. Harper has performed with great confidence as Prime Minister, some might even say with an overweening arrogance. In any event, neither of those attributes often send Canadian PMs packing. But even in full-blown head prefect mode, Harper rarely conveys a sense of power entitlement, that congenital sin of many a successful federal Liberal. Somehow, it doesn't seem surprising that Harper's government is the longest-lived minority in our history.

But the atmosphere on Parliament Hill is clearly toxic, with committees functioning like school-yard gangs, and even the mild mannered showing rampant disrespect for political opponents, as well as for the institution itself. As any Hill or Queen's Park reporter will tell you, once that toxic rot sets in, those good old boys and girls need to be sent home for the cleansing – and often humbling – electoral ritual.

Haliburton County has two strong candidates already nominated and ready to do battle: the incumbent, Conservative Barry Devolin and his Liberal challenger Marlene White. The Greens, the NDP, and no doubt some fringe candidates will be appearing shortly. Devolin is clearly the favourite, but there are perceptible winds of change rustling around the edges of County's political scene, and no party will be taking anything for granted. The upcoming visit to Haliburton this Labour Day weekend of Ms. Janine Kriebler, Mr. Dion's spouse, is clear evidence that nothing will be conceded.

This summer has been without question a difficult one for many area businesses, and a tough winter, economically, is to be expected. The price of home heating oil will be punishing, perhaps crippling for some: real estate is at best flat. The Liberal's "Green Shift" and the Tories' passionate opposition to any interference in the oil marketplace will be a central election theme. If current predictions hold, and we indeed go to the polls this fall, those long cold nights of winter, and how our politicians plan to help us through them, may well hold the key to the eventual outcome.

Marjorie Jayne (Irwin) McPhaden

Last Saturday Marjorie McPhaden's long and productive life came to a peaceful end at the Haliburton Hospital, and with her passing went a very interesting part of the County's history. Marjorie lived for many years on Boyne Lake on the Harburn Road "seven miles north of Haliburton" where she and her husband raised a family (including her devoted daughter Gwen Main of Fallowfield Road) in very tough and demanding circumstances. Mrs. McPhaden was a tireless worker, filled with kindness, and devoted to her family and community. That she spent almost 80 years of her amazing 101 year span in Haliburton County was of great benefit to all who knew her. ■

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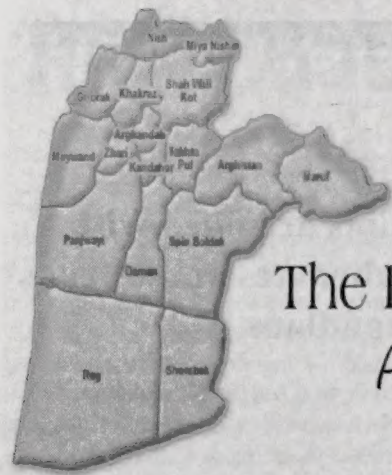
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The Road to Kandahar A Soldier's Journal

by Captain David Beatty

Heading to the Hills

Just when I was getting tired of the dust and the sand, we've been given a mission to head to the mountain region west of Kandahar. As I may have said before, this country is definitely a strange place, as the landscape changes dramatically within a few kilometres. So this time it was to the mountains.

Farming in Afghanistan certainly takes on a whole new meaning of mixed crops. As we traveled along the road, CSM Vic Hickey starts to point out "hey look Sir! What do you figure that is worth?" As I look over, the fields of pomegranates have been replaced with fields of marijuana. This is immediately replaced by fields of corn and root crops. The irrigation system is a marvel, based upon a few thousand years of tradition; they are able to irrigate the fields in a manner which would cause a civil engineer to lose his mind.

While it is a nice change to see a bit of green, traveling through the green belts also requires an extra level of vigilance, as the Insurgents are able to strike much closer as they have ample cover to hide behind. Everyone watches

their assigned sectors and within the vehicles you can only hear the sound of the turret moving left and right, traversing it's area of responsibility, watching for anything which may be out of the ordinary.

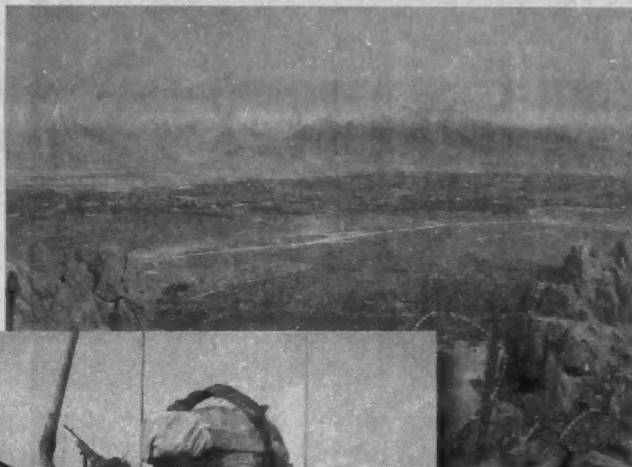
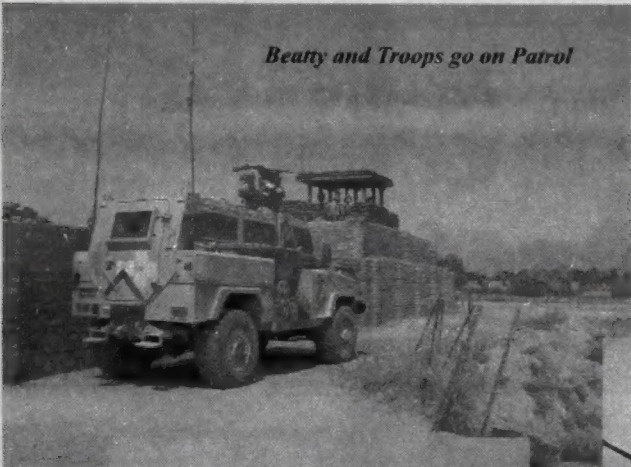
As we approach our objective, a Canadian Forward Operating Base located on the side of a mountain, I look down at the valley we just left, various shades of green range for kilometres, with the desert, just beyond.

Unfortunately, this week also saw the deaths of three Canadian soldiers. Killed by an IED which exploded under their LAV. With less than a month left in their tour, these fine members of 1 Combat Engineer Regiment, based out of Edmonton Alberta, have now joined the 90 other Canadians who have given their lives fighting the Insurgents in this country. They did not die in vain, progress is being made in this country, and the Insurgents are being hit, and hit hard. Daily they are being engaged by Canadian and Afghan forces and are suffering casualties at a dramatically higher rate. We will mourn the loss of our brothers, but it serves to stiffen our resolve. ■



A new Marijuana Grove

Beatty and Troops go on Patrol



CSM Vic Hickey scans the Horizon

In Memoriam

This August has been a particularly dangerous one for Canadian Troops – and others – serving in Afghanistan. On August 9th Master Corporal Joshua Brian Roberts died as a result on an insurgent attack in the Zharey District: the next day Master Corporal Erin Doyle died from a similar attack in the Panjwayi District.

On August 20th Sergeant Shawn Allen Eades, 33, Corporal Dustin Roy Robert Joseph Wasden, 25, and Sapper Stephan J. Stock, 25, all combat engineers with 12 Field Squadron, 1 Combat Engineer Regiment from Edmonton, were killed when an improvised explosive device detonated near their vehicle, while on patrol, on Highway 1 in Zharey District, at approximately 10:30 a.m. Kandahar time on August 20, 2008. Another soldier was wounded in the attack and is recovering from his injuries.

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More Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

"The Persecution of the Baha'is in Iran"

The Baha'i Community of Haliburton would like to bring to the attention of your readers the situation of the Baha'is in Iran, which has been published in most well-known papers, such as the Wall Street Journal, CNN.com, Reporters without Borders, etc.

Earlier this summer Unesco added the Baha'i Holy Places in Israel to its list of World Heritage sites. In May, seven leaders of the Baha'i community were arrested in Tehran, and they remain incommunicado, five men and two women. Further, the Baha'i International Community believes that Iranian authorities are trying to prevent the seven Baha'is from obtaining legal counsel by maligning Mrs. Shirin Ebadi, a prominent human rights attorney and Nobel Laureate who announced that she and her colleagues at the Defenders of Human Rights Centre in Iran were prepared to help defend the Baha'is.

The arrests are but the latest ripple in an undercurrent of decades-old hatred directed at a faith regarded as a Muslim heresy. During the Pahlavi regime (1927-1979) the Baha'i schools were forced to close, and their literature was banned. The Shah's army disfigured the Baha'i National Centre in Tehran in 1955. Those incidents began a systematic, government-sponsored purge. Baha'is were banned from universities, subject to intimidation

and arbitrary arrest, and denied the freedom to worship. All Baha'i civil servants were dismissed. In 1991, the secretary of Iran's supreme Revolutionary Cultural Council, Seyyed Mohammad Golpaygani, issued a directive, personally approved by Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, declaring that 'employment shall be refused to persons identifying themselves as Baha'is.' Some of the Baha'is have been executed in Iran since the revolution, including 10 Baha'i women hanged for teaching religious classes to children.

As recently as August 9th, three Baha'is in Tehran were arrested and jailed for no known reasons. Their detention brings to at least 25 the number of Baha'is known to be held by authorities in Iran.

And lastly, this is a quote from the Wall Street Journal, August 1st, 2008: "It is difficult to imagine a purer strain of religious intolerance than the fanaticism that pervades Iran's leadership class. It is just as difficult to conjure a purer essence of tolerance than that which distinguished the Baha'is, who recognize Abraham, Krishna, Moses, Zoroaster, Buddha, Jesus and Mohammad as divine messengers; who preach pluralism, equality between the sexes, universal education and the harmonization of secular and religious knowledge; and who stress the oneness of humanity."

Thank you for publishing this letter.

Helen Gardner - The Baha'i Community of Haliburton. ■

Dear Editor:

"These films are filled with garbage that alienates and offends Canadians."

Stephen, you mentioned in your August 14th Editorial: "Just this past week the federal conservatives, on purely ideological grounds, annihilated a series of programs designed to showcase Canadian artists in foreign countries."

The Department of Canadian Heritage's support of the cultural industries in Canada - film, television, publishing, sound recording, and news media now amounts to \$ Five Billion annually. We don't have enough money for hospitals, etc., but past governments have pumped hundreds of millions of dollars into Canadian films. These pin heads have produced smut such as Bubble Galore, Hanging the Dead Rabbits, The Masturbators, Sperm, and other titles too gross to repeat.

In 2006 only four percent of the Canadian box office receipts went to Canadian produced films, while 88 percent of the market went to Hollywood produced films. Canadians are staying away in droves from taxpayer supported Canadian films. These films are filled with garbage that alienate and offend Canadians.

As a senior, I realize how important it is for Canada to provide better health care, subsidized rental units and long term care for the sick and infirm. We must stop flushing hundreds of millions of dollars down the old crapper.

Dave Switzer,

R.R. 1, Haliburton. ■

Maple Leaf Listeriosis Recall Cont'd...

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inquiries, and we followed up as quickly as we could. In a case like this, the faster we can get the information out there, as accurately as possible, the better."

Medeba served about 200 campers and staff during that week, and Ken Stevens is keeping his fingers crossed that the infection is limited. Listeriosis is most dangerous to infants, the elderly, and the chronically ill with compromised immune systems. For those groups the infection can quickly result in fatal blood and brain infections. In pregnant women it can produce early-term miscarriages, and later even still births. For the vast majority of healthy children and adults it produces nothing more than conventional flu-like symptoms: nausea, vomiting, cramps, diarrhoea, headaches and persistent fever. Symptoms usually appear between two and 30 days, but can take as long as 70 days before they show up.

At press time it appears as if no other area Camp has been affected. If you suspect that any member of your family might have been affected, don't hesitate to go to one of our local hospitals immediately. For further information, and for a list of those products that may have been contaminated, go to www.inspection.gc.ca or www.mapleleaf.com. ■

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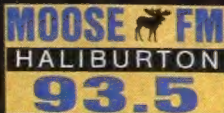
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Highlands East Promises Change

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Property owner Keith Moore from Eels Lake commented that he had submitted his application for a building permit on May 20th. According to Moore he took his plans into the Highlands East Office time and time again, but they were always denied. In addition to that, Moore said that none of his numerous phone calls had been answered. Moore said, "A lot of information being asked for was not included in the initial permit application package."

Several other couples at the meeting confirmed that they were in the same situation. One woman said, "Each time we thought we had met the necessary requirements, something else was needed." The fact that the CBO was both uncommunicative and uncooperative was a common theme throughout the meeting. A number of people said that they thought their permit was in the process of being issued when another list of requirements would be received, one with a notation that it was only a partial review, suggesting that more information would be necessary at a later date. One man said he was so frustrated that he is ready to sell his property.

Contractor Todd Bertram of Lakeside Improvements said that his greatest concern was the lack of communication. Bertram said that when contractors call seeking information they should be able to expect a response within two days at least. According to Bertram the CBO did not respond to calls for a period of 10 days or more. "We have to ask the same questions over and over again."

Concerns about communications continued throughout the meeting. One lady said that she had problems getting through to the Municipal Office and that one morning at 11:15 a.m. the main answering machine was still full. She continued to say that both her contractor and the lumber company she was dealing with had called the CBO for days without a response. Another common concern was the requirement for engineered drawings for all permit applications and concern over the associated costs.

Les Liversidge (a lawyer and Compudraft client) said that he had acquired a piece of land that he was trying to develop. He said, "If I had come to this restaurant four years ago and heard this meeting going on, I would have left and never come back. It sounds like there are a lot of problems here and on a go-forward basis, if this continues, people who are considering development here won't do it, they'll go somewhere else. I hope this meeting can be turned into an opportunity for everyone."

Tim-br Mart sales representative Dale Wadsworth said that his company gets design specifications and engineered drawings on roof trusses and floor joists based on the designs submitted by Compudraft. According to Wadsworth a permit should be issued based on those designs and drawings, but the CBO continues to request engineered drawings. "I have been asked to redesign floor joists three times, over and above all sorts of other requirements, and each time there is extra cost involved. If the Township is prepared to pay that would be fine."

Several concerns were raised about garage permits not being issued because the drawings depicted vehicles of varying size. According to several residents separate permit applications had to be submitted for both the house and garage, rather than as one project, something that has been allowed in many other municipalities. One man said that his building permit wasn't approved because his drawings showed a vehicle in the garage and a pool table in the basement. He said "I've been advised that I can't write on my own plans. I think if it's my plan I should be able to write information on it, but apparently that is not acceptable."

Karen Richardson summed up the concerns of a number of people when she said, "I am scared stiff. I don't know what he (the CBO) wants. I have made commitments with contractors whose livelihood is at stake." Richardson said that she could not understand why a building permit could not be issued prior to demolition. She was concerned that after demolition she would not be able to get a permit for her construction. She asked for the rationale behind this and said that this type of application should be approved by Council, not just the CBO.

Richardson later spoke of the joy that should prevail during the planning and building of a new home. With tears in her eyes, she said, "That joy has been taken away from me."

Reeve Dave Burton asked everyone present to send an e-mail or letter to the Highlands East

office outlining individual concerns. Grumbings were heard that the e-mails would not be responded to, or would be 'lost'. Comments flew around the room that included; "Is anyone in the Township accountable for what is going on?" to "Who hired this man?" and, "What are his qualifications?"

In response to Councillor Gary Stoughton's comment about Council that, "The five of us are responsible and it looks like we're not doing a good job," someone called out "Then take off your Teflon coat and take responsibility." Another resident commented that he had had a "summer of hell trying to appease the whims of your CBO." Several people in attendance voiced concern that their permits would be held up even further as a repercussion of the meeting. Many concerns were raised about the cost of the delays being imposed by the CBO and several suggested that they would be contacting their lawyers.

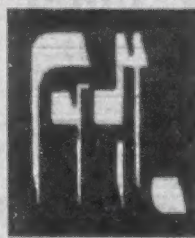
A number of people referred to Compudraft's work and gave it high praise. Sharon Loneragan said, "We're talking about someone that has been doing this for a long time with an excellent reputation. I have a box of plans done by (Compudraft) and there's never been a problem getting permits. Now there are 20 or 30 things wrong with each application and we have been jumping through hoops trying to get things done correctly. We're looking at two months preparation work and at the rate we're going there will be snow on the ground before construction gets underway. There are 15 or 20 people planning to work on a project this winter, and that's a lot of people that will be out of work."

Burton assured everyone present that he and his Council were there to listen to everyone's concerns and to work with everyone, not hold them up. After listening to more concerns and rumblings about costs and loss of work due to the municipality, Burton advised everyone that the council would discuss the problem later that week. He also agreed that a subsequent meeting would be called to follow up on the issues that were raised.

The issues raised with the Highlands East Council about development in the Paudash Lake area have been compounded by problems getting permits through the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority (CVCA) who also have control over development on the lake which is part of the Crowe River watershed. According to an article in the Bancroft Times, the work of contractors was recently put on hold for a period of time while the only staffer qualified to do inspections and issue permits went on holidays.

In response to all of the concerns that were brought forward at the meeting, Highlands East has issued a 'Building Department News Release' which is included in this issue. The Council has announced that in efforts to improve communications and expedite the issuance of permits, they have authorized the hiring of an additional (qualified) staff member to assist the building department during this busy and difficult transition period. ■

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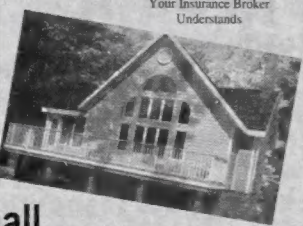


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Finding the Right Balance

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

Tips from Public Health Dietician Rosie Kadwell on How to Keep Your Kids Healthy at School

“Packing lunches is like making a meal and that means you have to plan for it.”

— Rosie Kadwell

The leaves are starting to change colour, hours of daylight are decreasing and the summer is coming to a close. More importantly, as the month of September is imminently approaching, it's time for the kids to hit the books and for parents to help them on their way.

That's right, the back to school buzz is in the air and that means many parents are under the gun to get their kids adequately prepared for that first day of class on Tuesday, Sept. 2.

New notebooks, writing utensils, clothes and backpacks are some of the basic material items kids may require for their journey back to the halls and classrooms.

As important as those necessities might be, it's also important to remember the vital role that nutrition plays in a child's development — both physically and mentally. If a hungry belly and a growing body aren't receiving healthy foods from the four food groups found in *Canada's Food Guide to Healthy Eating*, a child could suffer from the consequences of malnourishment. The four food groups include grain products, vegetables and fruits, milk products and meat and alternatives.

And though many parents struggle with their busy schedules, Rosie Kadwell, Public Health Dietician with the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge (HKPR) District Health Unit, says it's possible to ensure your child eats healthy by looking ahead.

“Try to include variety and plan lunches with your kids to keep them excited about what they'll get,” explains Kadwell.

When parents don't take the time to help plan their child's lunches, they sometimes fall victim to an unhealthy, quick fix meal from the grocery store.

“You need to try and get away from those convenient foods such as the pre-packaged kids lunches,” she says. Kadwell adds that it's the flashy and attractive marketing

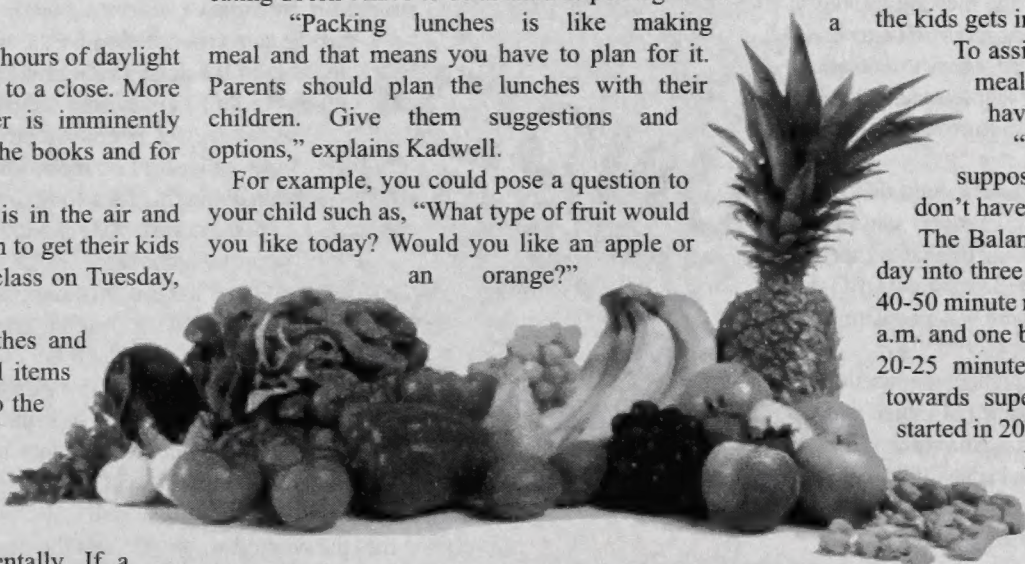
behind these products that often attracts kids towards them.

“Those commercials on T.V. are fun, colourful and they make the product look like they're good to eat. So, kids pressure their parents into buying them. These foods can also be expensive and for the dollar value you're getting a lot of sugar and unhealthy fats.”

With a little bit of encouragement and by keeping a consistent routine, parents and children will find that healthy eating doesn't have to be as hard as pulling teeth.

“Packing lunches is like making a meal and that means you have to plan for it. Parents should plan the lunches with their children. Give them suggestions and options,” explains Kadwell.

For example, you could pose a question to your child such as, “What type of fruit would you like today? Would you like an apple or an orange?”



In a scenario such as this, Kadwell says that you're allowing the child to make a choice, but strictly with healthy options.

“Then you're not just giving them an open-ended question like, ‘What would you like in your lunch today?’ Then you'll just get a blank stare or you'll get a request for sweets like Dunkaroos or Fruit Roll-Ups,” says Kadwell.

Parents must remain firm and not allow themselves to give in to the pressures of great marketing techniques, urges Kadwell.

“We need to be aware that those high sugar items have a very high profit margin. So the manufacturers of these products have a lot of money for advertising. They're making people think that this is what all kids put in their lunches. They're trying to make it seem like it's the norm and that this stuff is what should go into kid's lunches.”

In a “Convenience Food Knock-Out” diagram by the Health Unit, it compares healthier choices with convenience foods. According to their information, a convenience lunch has more than half their calories come from fat, they are high in salt, contain minimal fibre and are more expensive. On average, a pre-packaged lunch costs \$1.46 more per serving than a made-at-home lunch kit does.

In speaking from experience with her own kids, Kadwell suggests starting them early in getting involved with the creation of what it is they'll be eating at school.

“It could be as simple as making some decisions together. The more that you get them involved with the lunch planning and preparation, the bigger the payoff will be in the long run. Then once they get to age when they can pack their own lunches, they'll do it.”

As a parent, Kadwell understands that making a lunch often can seem like a chore. That's why she suggests taking a course of action in meal making that lends itself to being the easiest and most convenient for all involved.

Kadwell also indicates that one of the hardest challenges in making lunches is coming up with fresh ideas to fight boredom.

“Trying to add variety and keep things exciting for the kids can be tough. That's why planning ahead and getting the kids gets involved is important,” she says.

To assist kids with getting them to eat proportionate meals during the day, most elementary schools have what is known as a “balanced school day”.

“It's called a balanced school day because it's supposed to balance the schedule for kids so they don't have to,” explains Kadwell.

The Balanced School Day timetable divides the school day into three 100-minute blocks of instructional time. Two 40-50 minute nutrition breaks are provided — one between 10 a.m. and one between 1 and 2 p.m. Nutrition breaks provide 20-25 minutes for eating, and 20-25 minutes is geared towards supervised physical activity. This concept was started in 2001 in Ontario at Caledon East Public School in Peel Region. The idea caught on and now most school boards practice this schedule.

“These breaks give them substantial time to sit down in a classroom where they can have enough time to eat,” says Kadwell. “As a dietician, what I'd like to enforce is that kids shouldn't be having a snack, but rather a mini meal. It's also great that they get some outdoor activity time as well.”

And Kadwell herself admits that there was a time when she thought she'd let her kids try convenient foods for school.

“I thought I'd let them have one of the convenient lunches one day of the month. When I bought the meals I found that portion sizes were too small and too much garbage was created by them. In the long run, planning lunches saved me time and effort,” she says.

So whether it's your child's first time off to the classroom this September or whether you've had prior experience in helping get your child off to school, a few of these tips will likely come in handy for many parents out there.

Parents can also find additional literature on food safety, healthy eating and lunch planning at the HKPR Health Unit on Highland St. The information can also be found online at www.hkpr.on.ca.

If you'd like to learn more about the foods your local grocer carries, call Kadwell at 705 457-1391. She will be giving out free tours at local grocery stores on Wednesday, Oct. 15 at 10 a.m. in the Dello's IGA in Minden, also on the same day at 1:30 p.m. in the Haliburton Foodland and on Thursday, Oct. 16 at 5:30 p.m. in the Haliburton Foodland. ■

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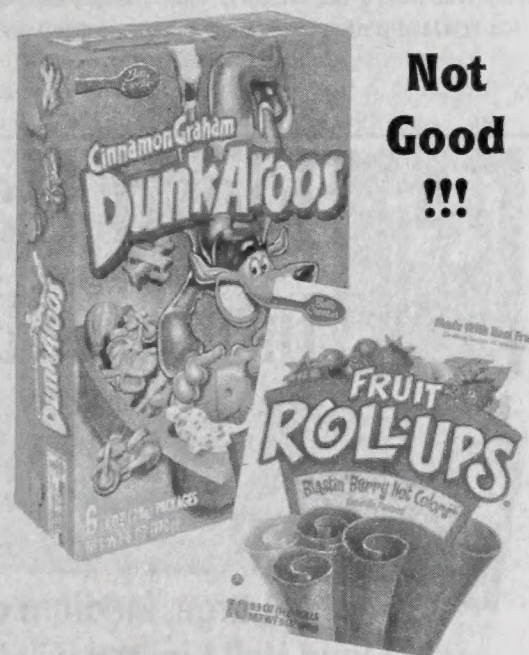
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Reeve Harrison Downplays Airport Concerns from Lake Associations

Liz Daniels
Staff Reporter



Last week Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison gave a report to her Council on concerns raised at the various lake association meetings that she attended on Council's behalf. Despite a mounting campaign against airport development by the Maple, Beech and Cameron Lakes Area Property Owners Association (MBC) and concerns being raised at almost every lake association meeting about the impact airport development will have on taxes, according to Harrison the biggest issue facing the municipality is the hours at the various landfill sites.

Harrison first reported on the Kawagama Lake Cottagers Association, saying that their only issue was the change in hours at the landfill sites. According to Harrison, the members were concerned about the 5 p.m. Sunday evening closure. She said that due to the long distance members had to travel to the other landfill sites, time at the cottage on Sunday is restricted. Harrison reported that the members were very pleased with the newly established shoreline buffer in the zoning by-law.

When it came to airport expansion, Harrison said, "The members simply want to be kept abreast of ongoing activities, but they had no issues with the development other than the impact it may have on taxes."

At the Halls & Hawk Lakes Property Owner's Association meeting, Harrison said the members were concerned that no response was received to an issue raised at the previous year's AGM about establishing a by-law to limit the use of pesticides. CAO Lorne Mitchell reported that he had spoken with the executive about this, but since the province had stepped up to the plate on the use of pesticides, no action had been taken. Harrison asked that a letter be sent to the association clarifying this.

Harrison then said that a show of hands at the Halls/Hawk meeting gave a clear indication that no one likes the hours at the landfill sites, particularly the continuous 72 hour closures and late Sunday afternoon closure. "The 72 hour closure is not popular. Many of the cottagers don't have a good secure storage area and they would like to see at least one dump open every day."

Harrison also reported that concerns had been raised about increasing bear problems. She said that increased bear activity was attributed to the installation of electric fences at the landfill site. In response to Harrison's comment that the Bear Hotline calls give an indication of the number of problems being encountered, Deputy Reeve Tom Gardner said, "The number of bear incidents hasn't gone down; it's the number of calls that are down."

Turning to the matter of airport expansion at the Halls/Hawk meeting, Harrison said, "There were a lot of questions asked about the airport." She said that initially there was a request for a show of hands in support of the airport expansion. But Harrison also said that when she spoke of the much anticipated consultant's report scheduled to be presented at the September 18th Council meeting and the public information meeting on the 20th in Dorset, the members decided to wait. This, according to Harrison would allow an educated vote, rather than a vote based on emotion.

According to Harrison, the main concern of the Oxtongue Lake Property Owners Association is the possible closure of their community centre. Harrison said there is also a lot of concern about the replacement of bridges without any regard to realigning the road. Another issue raised concerned businesses that will be adversely affected during construction. Harrison said that this concern was being addressed to some extent at the County level and that the Economic Development & Tourism Director Robert Smith had sent out letters offering whatever help he could to alleviate the impact.

Harrison said that when it came to the airport, the Oxtongue Lake Association members had no concerns with the exception of how the project would be financed and any impact

there might be on taxes.

Harrison then reported on the proceedings of the MBC meeting. She said that there were approximately 120 people in attendance and the meeting was extremely well run. Harrison offered kudos to association President Paul MacInnes for holding the best-run lake association meeting she has attended.

"Of course the airport was their major concern," said Harrison, adding the members were not particularly happy. She reported that MBC had passed a motion requesting a referendum on the airport expansion. She also said that the membership had questioned why the public information session was being held in Dorset rather than Stanhope. According to Harrison, the meeting has been scheduled in Dorset as a more central location.

Harrison reported dissatisfaction with the landfill hours at the MBC meeting. She said, "We must take a serious look at this in the fall." Harrison said that a motion was also passed at the meeting requesting an 8:00 p.m. dump closure on Sundays.

According to Harrison MBC members are also encountering

An Open Letter to Algonquin Highlands Council

SUBJECT: Cross-wind Runway Forum,
September 20th, 2008

It is the position of our Association that this forum will not serve the interests of the taxpayers of Algonquin Highlands and Haliburton County.

The Township needs to quickly *inform* the rate-payers of the results of the most recent studies. However, we feel strongly that the opportunity for *truly informed* opposition is a right which must be respected.

The two days allowed between the official presentation to council and the Dorset forum is clearly insufficient for the public and the councillors to properly review the documents.

The Association does not ask that this forum be delayed, but we do insist that the meeting not be used by the Township to gauge public support.

Any such expressions of support would be based on insufficient knowledge of the plan and its impact on taxpayers.

The Association requests and would publicly support a second, public meeting on the issues raised by these reports under the following conditions:

1:) The Township make available to the Association by September 18th, *all* reports, drawings, supporting documents and pertinent notes relating to the "Preliminary Runway Design and Cost Estimate..." to be presented by Richardson Foster Ltd. (includes full reports, etc. from Peto-MacCallum, Northway Photo-Map, MDA Aviation and Beacon Environmental)

for our, and possible third-party, review.

2:) Competent representatives are available at the public meeting to answer questions.

3:) The date for this public meeting is announced by September 18th.

4:) The public meeting be fully open, include public questions, publicly answered, and that the meeting is moderated to assure reasoned discussion.

If a meeting of this format is not scheduled the taxpayers of this county can only conclude that the township feels that their business case is not strong enough to stand public scrutiny.

In order that we be able to support or oppose the September 20th forum, we need to have your answer to this proposal by September 5th.

Paul MacInnes
President - Maple, Beech & Cameron Lakes Area Property Owners' Association. ■

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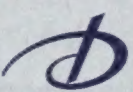
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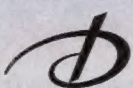

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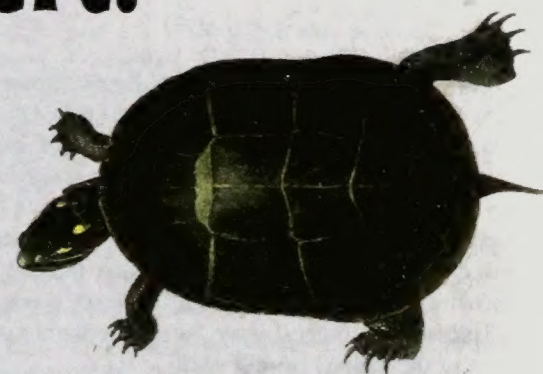
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Turtle Alert!

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

A Pitch to
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Last week Haliburton County Council was asked to help Turtles at Risk. Leora Berman, Program Manager for The Land Between Collaborative, made a pitch to Council on behalf of Kids for Turtles, to help with the installation of Turtle Crossing signs in Haliburton County. The request and Council's response took a different turn than many requests that they receive in that no funds were asked for and Council supported the installation of signs, rather than considering how the number of signs on County roads can be reduced.

In providing the background for her request, Berman first described The Land Between, saying that part of the group's work is to promote tourism and stewardship. She described the area as unparalleled in the County; a land of transition between the Canadian Shield and the St. Lawrence Lowlands which stretches across southern and central Ontario. Berman said the land contains certain elements from each of the ecosystems that it borders as well as features that are entirely unique to the area. The land is less rugged than what is found further north, but not as flat and arable as that found in the south. Communities are mostly small and fairly dispersed and there are fewer roads.

The Land Between, according to Berman is described as a patchwork quilt; a rich mixture of habitats including rare eco-systems such as alvars and savannahs, fens and meadow marshes. It also includes the highest density of shoreline in Ontario with lakes that are

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home to rare species of lake trout and other marine resources. Berman said that the area has very little absorption capabilities making it quite susceptible to disturbance and contamination. She added that once contaminated, the area is extremely difficult to rehabilitate.

Berman talked to Council about the various species at risk found in this transition zone which includes turtles. She then asked what all this might have to do with turtles?

"Turtles help to regulate and are supporters of our water quality. They clean up the dead matter on the bottom of our lakes. Turtles

mature between the ages of 9 and 15 and they cross areas at the same point each year."

Berman said the turtles are declining in numbers partly as it takes them so long to mature and partly because so many of them are being killed on the roads. "Turtles help all of the northern species and it's our responsibility to try to help them. We're asking for crossing signs to be installed in a number of locations," she said. Berman added that people often swerve or brake when they see turtles on the roads, causing traffic safety problems. She added that many young people try to hit turtles which also create traffic concerns. "We want to give the public a heads up about the turtle crossing areas."

Berman said that there is already a pot of money to purchase the signs, but asked for Council's assistance to install them. She added that she had a list of 10 suggested locations, but would welcome ideas for other sign locations.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey picked up on Berman's use of the word 'northern' and, on a bit of a fishing expedition, asked about the boundaries of The Land Between and whether she considered the County to be eastern, central or northern Ontario. Berman responded that boundaries often fluctuate slightly, but that she had always considered most aspects of the area to be northern.

Warden Eleanor Harrison suggested that the County contact each of the municipalities to facilitate the installation of the signs. The Council then passed a resolution that they would work with the municipal roads departments as well as MTO to install the Turtle Crossing signs in the suggested locations.

Unlike most species in existence today, turtles have thrived for over 250 million years without undergoing any significant physical changes. But human activity has had marked impact on turtle populations. Kids for Turtles brings turtles and children (past and present) together through public outreach and awareness programs to help to maintain a promising future for our environment.

The Kids for Turtles program is not just kids. The membership is made up of youth and their families along with professionals and retirees with expertise in the environment, consulting, development, scientific research and education. Their mission statement is "To promote public awareness of wildlife habitats through environmental education."■



Trap, Neuter, and Return A Solution to the Feral Cat Problem

By Diane Fortney, Co-founder and President, Animal Outreach Stray Cat Rescue



Every community in North America, both urban and rural, is faced with an over population of homeless and feral cats. All community stakeholders have the common goal of reducing these numbers. Cats are not indigenous wildlife; the only reason a cat is ever fending for itself outdoors is because of human irresponsibility or callousness.

When cats become homeless, either because they are lost or abandoned by their human caregivers, they survive as best they can without anyone to feed or provide shelter for them. Cats can quickly revert to their wild instincts when their survival is at stake. Because many of these cats originate from irresponsible owners who have not had them spayed or

neutered, they begin to breed. Cats can produce a litter of four to six kittens twice a year. Even though there is a high kitten mortality rate, enough survive to increase their numbers. These cats born outside are afraid of people and are called feral.

Historically, many communities have trapped and killed these cats, which is a method that is ineffective and considered by educated and progressive people to be inhumane. Trap and kill is an expensive band-aid "solution" that does not achieve a long term reduction in the number of cats.

In the Haliburton area, individual municipalities have spent upwards of \$7000.00 each year to trap and kill cats and there has been no visible reduction in the number of strays. All that trap and kill programs have been doing is creating animosity in the community.

On the other hand, some of these cats have been cared for, provided with veterinary treatment and spayed/neutered by individuals or groups of neighbours who have become very attached to 'their cats.' These people are not comfortable participating in any program that results in harm or death to the cats.

Community members are rightfully outraged that cats are trapped indiscriminately, often leaving orphaned kittens to starve to death. Clearly, trap and kill does not work or we would not be in this predicament of dealing with an overpopulation of stray cats.

Fortunately, a fast growing number of communities have adopted Trap, Neuter Return (T.N.R.) Programs. In a T.N.R. program, cats are humanely trapped, spayed/neutered and vaccinated against rabies and other diseases. Those that are able to be socialized and young kittens are adopted into permanent homes. The remainder is returned back into their territories where they live out their lives in peace. The population is stabilized and, over time, decreases by natural attrition and the fact that no new kittens are born.

Nuisance behaviours, such as yowling, fighting, and spraying, that are associated with unaltered cats, are eliminated. The cats are fed and monitored by volunteers who ensure that any new cats that may join the existing colony are trapped and evaluated by a veterinarian. The area is kept clean, the cats are fed at the same time each day, and unclean food and dishes are removed so that wildlife will not be attracted to the area. The cats no longer roam through the neighbourhood in search of food or a mate.

The success of T.N.R. is well-documented. It has been implemented in many municipalities and the numbers show that the program works. In San Francisco, the SPCA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) started the Feral Fix Program in 1993. Between 1993 and 1999 the number of cats destroyed dropped by 71%. Statistics gathered from 1995 to 2003, show a corresponding drop of 63% in admission rates at the pound.

It is the responsibility of every municipality to utilize 'Best Practices' when spending taxpayers money. Community members have every right to be upset when their tax dollars are wasted on trap and kill programs that have been repeatedly proven to be ineffective. In addition, trap and kill programs breed bad reputations for the communities that continue to support this out-dated and cruel practice.

Animal Outreach Stray Cat Rescue was formed in 2001 to provide compassionate intervention to cats living on the streets of London. Our group of dedicated volunteers give these cats and kittens a new lease on life. The cats receive Veterinary care, including vaccines, and are of course spayed or neutered. Socialized cats and kittens are placed in foster homes until they can be adopted into permanent loving homes. Animal Outreach has also assisted mental health clients and disadvantaged people with Veterinary care that they were unable to provide for their animals. Since 2001 we have rescued over 1100 cats and kittens.



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Talks with Warden Harrison in Highlands East

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Warden Eleanor Harrison is continuing with her visits to each of the four municipalities in the County to bring them up to date on county activities, share information on common concerns and determine if there are specific issues that need to be reviewed. Earlier this month Harrison visited with the Highlands East Council, which had raised broadband coverage and road-naming as items that needed further discussion.

Harrison spoke to the importance of communications between the county and the four lower tiers. She lauded the successful inroads made in information sharing by the Waste Management Committee. She also made a point of thanking Highlands East's Environmental Property Supervisor Glen Covert for sharing the wisdom of selling accumulated scrap metal which has helped to offset the costs of landfill management.

Harrison also reviewed infrastructure money that has been spent in Highlands East. This included \$220,000 spent on the Essonville Line in 2007, as well as an additional \$560,000 to resurface the Essonville Line and improve the Buckhorn Road in 2008.

Harrison also referred to the efforts made by so many to attract the 2010 Ontario Summer Games to the County. She voiced her disappointment in the fact that they were not successful in this endeavor, but said that the experience gained through the bid was invaluable. Harrison said that Sport Alliance had agreed to hold a debriefing some time in September about the county's application. In the meantime she applauded the work done in preparing the application and presentation and said it had been an excellent opportunity to showcase the county as a whole.

Harrison also said that the G8 Summit that will be held at

Deerhurst Resort in Muskoka in 2010 will present another chance to showcase Haliburton. The Warden said there should be a certain amount of spin-off activity that would boost the economy of the County.

In response to a call for questions or concerns, Councillor Suzanne Partridge said it was quite fortuitous that the Warden was visiting as she had been receiving a number of calls recently about county issues. The first was a request that the county consider an exchange of responsibilities between the county and Highlands East regarding Dyno Road and McGillvary Road. According to Partridge, Dyno Road is seeing more and more traffic as cottagers use the road as a shortcut to other parts of the County. According to one resident in the Eels Lake area who wrote to Partridge, there is restricted visibility on the road because of overgrown brush and blind curves and it is becoming dangerous due to the number of vehicles driving at excessive speeds.

Harrison said that this had been discussed at a previous Roads Committee meeting, but at a suggestion by Partridge that the municipality and county try to work this out

"If the County doesn't agree, Highlands East will do it anyway." (Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie)

together, she agreed that it could be placed once again on the committee's agenda.

Partridge then said that another burning issue centers on broadband Internet service. Partridge said, "I want to make sure that the large population on both Paudash and Eels Lakes are not forgotten. There are people wanting to work from their cottage properties, but they're in a dark zone." Partridge stressed the importance of receiving broadband service in the area and asked that this be considered by the county when submitting applications for broadband coverage through the new infrastructure funding that is available.

Harrison said that the same concerns had been raised at a number of lake association meetings. She referred to the recent Maple, Beech and Cameron Area Property Owners Association meeting, and spoke of the success they have had working as a group. She suggested getting the names and numbers together of people not being serviced and then sending them directly to Jim Neubauer with Bell Aliant. According to Harrison it may be a case of 'the squeaky wheel getting the grease.' County CAO Jim Wilson also commented that if done as a collaborative effort there would be greater impact. He asked for copies of any correspondence about this and confirmed that Neubauer was the point man to contact.

Gary Stoughton then raised his long standing concern about the naming of the South Wilberforce Road. "The thing that amazes me is that the county can say we can't change back to the original name. When the bridge went out, the name was changed without a consultation. That is where the original town was located including the Post Office and people are upset with the way the vote was taken." According to

"There are people wanting to work from their cottage properties, but they're in a dark zone."

(Councillor Suzanne Partridge)

Stoughton the people on Leroy Road, who must access their road by using what is now called Saunders Road, weren't allowed to vote, but those on the original Saunders Road were allowed to vote. "If 15 people on Leroy Road aren't allowed to vote and 16 on Saunders are, we will always lose the vote on this matter. I think there was a discrepancy in the way it was handled," he said. "If this isn't worked out, there will be a large delegation to the County. This has been asked for many times and we've passed a resolution to change the name here." Stoughton went on to say that there are a number of new people who don't appreciate the value and history of the name and

there are elderly people on the road who can no longer vote as they don't own their own land even though they're still living there.

Partridge said, "When the bridge closed we were told by those responsible for the 911 system that we needed to change the road name as it had become a dead end. However, we understood that to be temporary until funding was available to repair the bridge and we agreed to the change to ensure essential services like EMS could find people. But we don't want to lose our history."

Stoughton was also adamant that the history of the area be maintained. He said that people are often confused as there are now two names on one road. When Wilson asked if all the property owners are in favour, Stoughton said, "We always lose by a few votes." Wilson responded that when the initial road naming took place there were issues with people not agreeing with the names. "On a go forward basis we want to ensure that there is a majority in favour," he said.

Stoughton said, "We put the bridge in so it would be one continuous road, not one road with two names. We'll either get it done or we'll fight it to the end." Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie said, "If the County doesn't agree, Highlands East will do it anyway, given the history and the temporary nature of the change."

Harrison agreed that the temporary nature of the name change made a good argument.

Partridge also said, "I understand the protocol and reasons for the temporary change, but that doesn't mean the change has to be carved in stone forever. An 85 percent agreement may make sense on private roads, but with municipal roads the Municipality should have some pull with the naming."

Harrison said, "So what you're really saying is that the municipality should have a vote." Council agreed and Harrison said she would ensure that the issue would be raised once more at the next Roads Committee meeting. ■

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Housing Market Out of Reach for Many

Tyson Farrell
Staff Reporter

"Many people within the county live on modest incomes ... which do not allow them to buy a house."

For many Haliburtonians, the housing market has simply gone out of reach. For those who need to rent, availability and price continue to be significant obstacles. There is simply very limited affordable housing within the county. Increasing housing costs are now creating an unprecedented demand for subsidized housing.

'Subsidized housing' refers to housing that receives government or non-profit subsidy or rent assistance, or rent supplements. Financial support for subsidized housing is generally administered based on "rent-geared-to-income." Rent-geared-to-income is for low-to-moderate income households. Tenants pay rent based on the gross income of the household rather than paying the market rate. Affordable rent is often defined as costing no more than 30 percent of a household's total gross monthly income.

Places for People Haliburton is a non-profit group that is trying to create subsidized housing in the Highlands. Minden resident Dr. Fay Martin is the group's president, and she has a great deal of experience organizing subsidized housing. Martin began addressing the need in 1986 when she organized living accommodations for needy teenagers in Toronto. She then went on to earn her PhD in social work from the University of Bristol. For many years she was the Executive Director at Family Services (now Point in Time) where she recognized the need for affordable housing within the county.

"Many people within the county live on modest incomes," Martin said. "These incomes do not allow them to buy a house. They therefore need to rent accommodations, but there are not a lot of places to rent in the county. In Ontario approximately 32 percent of dwellings are rented out. In Haliburton only 16 percent of dwellings are rented," Martin believes that there is a large demand for rental accommodation but the small supply causes prices to skyrocket.

A common misconception is that subsidized housing is only for seniors. "There are many people other than just seniors that require it. Youth, students, young families, single mothers, and others truly need it," Martin said.

"We really need subsidized housing in Haliburton," she said. "But it's proven very difficult to get. The City of Kawartha Lakes is responsible for matters of social housing in Haliburton. This is a product of the Mike Harris government. The City of Kawartha Lakes council makes the decisions about subsidized housing, and the people of Haliburton County have no presence or power at the bargaining table. We have taxation without representation."

Places for People Haliburton has a clear plan for the future. They hope to purchase houses

in need of repair, fix them up, and make them available to low income citizens. By paying a reduced rent, which includes utilities, families will be able to concentrate on other aspects of their life. Portions of the rent paid to Places for People will be put in a trust fund to build up equity for the tenants. Martin does not want to build row houses or anything of the sort, because "that can lead to isolation and a ghetto environment. We want to integrate the tenants into the community."

"Housing is a right, not a privilege. It's a human need," Martin said. "It's not a just a commodity for profit making."

For the Haliburton County Economic Development Corporation (HCDC) subsidized and affordable housing is an area of great concern. "There is certainly a need for affordable housing within the county," said Community Economic Development Coordinator Jim Blake. "Subsidized housing is a part of affordable housing. There is a need for housing that young people can afford to rent all year around. We also need more affordable houses within our villages. There are houses for sale all over the place," Blake said. "But most single people or young families can't afford them."

Like Martin, Blake realizes that it is difficult to find funding for the creation of subsidized housing. "The challenge of creating subsidized housing is accessing funding. For years the provincial and federal governments have not come forth

with money for it. They really should."

Point in Time provides social services to families, and they are very concerned about the lack of affordable housing. "There's a huge need for it here," Executive Director Marg Cox said. "With the rising cost of electricity and oil, it's becoming more and more expensive to heat your house. This makes housing more expensive. Thus people with low incomes have an even greater need for subsidized and affordable housing. Most affordable housing that does exist is in very remote areas of the county. This isn't good because many people who need affordable housing can't afford cars. So we need affordable, subsidized housing in the villages."

If more subsidized housing is not created within the Highlands there will be considerable social repercussions. People will leave the county in search of areas with more affordable housing. According to Public Dietitian Rosie Kadwell, it's already happening. "I know of several families that

have had to leave the county because they couldn't find any affordable housing," she said. "If more affordable housing isn't created, more and more families will be forced out of the area. Something needs done, and soon." ■



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by Theresa Wright
Environment Haliburton EH!

Haliburton County growers are now hard at work harvesting tomatoes, green beans, wax beans, peas, baby carrots, and blueberries. Soon squash, potatoes, sweet peppers, and corn will be ready. Earlier in the summer we had strawberries, asparagus, lettuce, green onions, radish, and garlic. And free-range eggs, organic poultry, lamb, and beef are available locally year-round.

Yes, fresh vegetables and fruit, locally produced meat and eggs are grown right here in Haliburton County. Check out the Kinmount Market Saturdays till Thanksgiving. Contact local farmers to find out what they have available. In July and August local produce was available at the Tory Hill and Minden Hills Cultural Centre markets. To locate local food producers, contact Andrea Coysh, President of the Haliburton County Farmers Association at 286-6753.

But why bother? Why buy local food? The answer in a nutshell is: taste, health, the local economy, the environment, and community.

Taste comes first. The incomparable taste of tomatoes just picked from the stalk, carrots pulled from the earth, or



freshly-picked apples. Fresh produce not only tastes good, it is good. It's packed with health-producing vitamins and minerals. Local produce may not be picture perfect, but it has not been irradiated or sprayed extensively with pesticides. Fruits and vegetables travel a short distance from farm field to your table – still fresh, ripe, and tasty. Many farmers follow an Environmental Farm Plan, utilizing farming practices which not only sustain air, soil, wildlife and water sources, but produce good food.

Buying local food puts needed dollars back into the local economy. Farmers benefit and local businesses benefit too. In fact, farmers' markets can increase local

business activity, a fact documented by a University of Guelph School of Rural Planning and Development study. And buying local reduces the consumption of fossil fuels needed to transport produce from across the globe, from China, New Zealand, or Mexico for example. It contributes to a greener, healthier environment.

Eating local is great way to enjoy delicious food, improve health, contribute to the local economy, and work toward a greener environment. Besides all this, it strengthens the local community. When we buy locally we know who is producing the food, where it is coming from, and we can find out how it is produced. We are no longer half a world away from the source of our food.

Colin Harris is one man who decided to eat locally. Colin, the Director of the Outdoor Education Program at Wanakita, began his Ontario-only diet in early June. His trigger was The 100-Mile Diet, a book by a Vancouver couple describing their experiences eating locally for a year. Colin buys locally where he can, but finds he can stock up with vegetables and fruit, dairy products, meat and chicken at one stop at the Peterborough Farmers Market. For locally produced flour, wild rice, chick peas, and lentils, he shops at The 100-Mile Market in Meaford. What does Colin like best about a local food diet? "I like eating tasty food and feeling healthy and satisfied after I eat it!" Colin plans to use this experience to teach children where their food comes from.

What can we, as consumers, do to encourage local food production and sale? First, ask questions. Where does this garlic come from? Why can't we get garlic grown in Haliburton County – or even in Ontario – at our local supermarkets? Second, eat local food in season. Last and most importantly, seek out local sources of food. Eggs, poultry, beef, pork, vegetables and fruit are available here in Haliburton County.

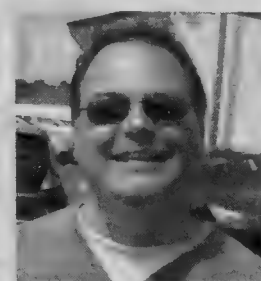
If you want to eat a delicious locally grown lunch, listen to an inspiring speaker, and discuss the future of local foods in Haliburton County, join the Local Foods Forum October 25th, 2008. All this for only \$5, or a donation. The Forum is organized by the Haliburton Highlands Local Foods Coalition, a member of Environment Haliburton!. For more information call Sharon Harrison at 286-1940.■

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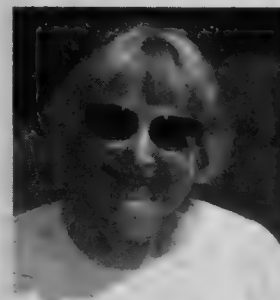
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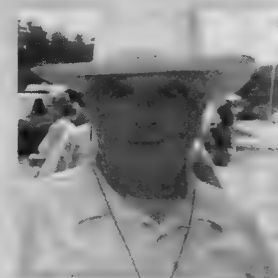
Toos Reid, Kushog Lake Rd. – "I think it's great. Local variety is an awesome concept. With all the pesticides that are out there, locally grown food is better because it's more organic."



Steve Mink, Penetanguishene – "I think it's a great idea. Farmers feed us, plain and simple. You can't get quality grown food when it's from a mass produced place. It's also the labour of love that adds to the quality of the food. Buying local also supports the local economy."



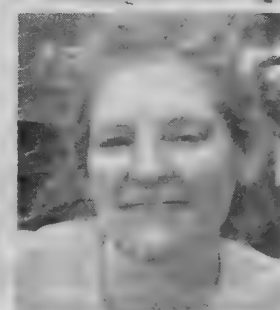
Barb Mash, Redstone Lake Rd. – "I think it's terrific. My husband grows garlic and he's also put in some green beans, zucchini and squash. We need more of this. If you buy locally, it helps the economy and it's fresh. Locally grown food is also good for its fresh taste."



Paul Stone, Minden – "I'm a member of the local food committee of Environment Haliburton. So I'm trying to foster the growth of local food. It's important to foster this because growers need a market to sell and consumers need a place to go buy what they need. The stuff imported from other countries is hardly local or sustainable. Plus, you have the transport factor. As we proceed with global warming and the cost of fuel, the local community will have to take care of each other better."



David Fullan, Brady Lake – "I think that it's what most of us are going to go back to. With the way things are going with gas prices and the costs of energy, we're getting forced into isolation. It's hard on people, especially those living on the poverty line. With everyone complaining about prices, more people will just start growing themselves."



Rhonda Pelley, Minden – "Local growing is a great idea. You have a better idea of what is going into your food. It's closer so it's fresher. It's also supporting the local community to be more self-sufficient. Those who grow are learning real viable skills. These days' people are becoming more educated about health and growing. They're also becoming more community orientated."■

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Going Gaga for Garlic

First Haliburton County Garlic Fest Draws Hundreds



Hundreds made their way to Carnarvon to discover some of the finest locally grown garlic at the first-ever Haliburton County Garlic Fest held this past Saturday.

"It was incredible," said event-coordinator Sheila Robb. "There were easily 400 to 500 people here. You couldn't even see the road for about two-and-a-half hours because of the sea of people!"

As well as all the locally grown garlic and garlic related items for sale, there also were local jams and preserves available, baked goods, pure honey and entertainment for those who attended. Charlie Robb (Sheila's husband) of Charlie's Organic Garlic also provided live garlic braiding demonstrations.

Both Charlie and Sheila, who grow their own garlic and encourage local growing, had 200 people buy garlic from their booth alone. And other vendors at the event seemed to be having just as much success in sales as the Robb's, selling out well before the day's end at 3 p.m.

There also were a couple of individuals raising funds for a good cause at the inaugural Garlic Fest. Yvette Brauer and Barb Piercey were selling garlic on behalf of John and Debra Kellet, with proceeds going to the Special Olympics.

Ten-year old Shyanne Grainger, who was inspired to make paper cranes and sell them to raise funds for the Children's Wish Foundation, came from Udora, Ont to the event.

"She's been making them for a while," said Shyanne's Grandmother Gail. "She made over 100 of them." Shyanne will be donating the funds to the Children's Wish Foundation.

Both Charlie and Sheila would like to thank the Haliburton County Farmer's Association, the Haliburton County Development Corporation, vendors, volunteers and the local media who showed their support for the first local Garlic Fest of its kind. They'd also like to thank everyone who attended the event.

Plans are already underway for next year's event, which Sheila says will be even bigger and better than this year's.

If you'd like to obtain useful information on garlic growing or would like to find out how to be a part of next year's event, contact Charlie or Sheila Robb at 705 489-4201. ■

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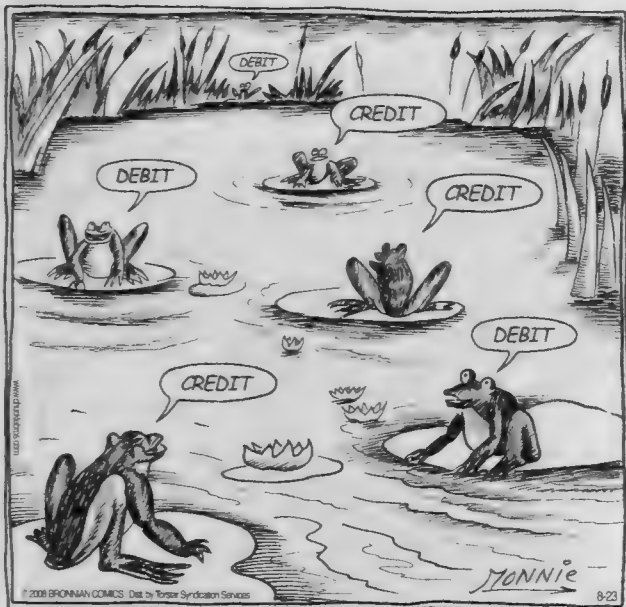
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Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman



Why frogs make such poor financial advisors

Wild Salmon Rebound

Scientists and fishermen alike are startled and delighted by a resurgence of wild Atlantic salmon this summer from Labrador to the coast of Maine. "People are talking about runs they haven't seen for a decade or more," Gerald Chaput, a biologist with Canada's Fisheries Department, told The Canadian Press. While no one can say why more young salmon, grilse, are returning to spawn in the region's rivers, one fisheries expert says warmer ocean temperatures, successful hook-and-release programs and fishing restrictions could be factors. About 70 monitoring sites have reported some of the best returns of grilse in many years, but sightings of older salmon have not increased. However, experts say that the survival and return of young salmon this summer probably means that larger fish will arrive to spawn next year.

Ocean 'Dead Zones'

Maritime "dead zones" have expanded steadily over the past half-century, now creating environments where marine life cannot survive in 400 coastal areas of the world. Writing in the journal *Science*, researchers from Virginia's College of William and Mary and Gothenburg University in Sweden said that the number of oxygen-depleted areas of the sea has doubled every 10 years since the 1960s. "The formation of dead zones has been exacerbated by the increase in (pollution) ... fueled by riverine runoff of fertilizers and the burning of fossil fuels," the study said. Lead author Robert J. Diaz noted that dead zones have often formed in what were once prime fishing grounds. Lack of oxygen seasonally wipes out fish in the Gulf of Mexico, Baltic Sea and Chesapeake Bay.

A Mekong Record

Southeast Asia's famed Mekong River has risen to a level higher than ever measured before in parts of northern Thailand, inundating homes and farmland for hundreds of miles. Similar inundations have also occurred in adjacent areas of Laos. Officials at the Mekong River Commission said the current flooding is due to abnormally high runoff from northern stretches of the river basin, combined with torrential rainfall caused by Tropical Storm Kammuri on Aug. 9 to 11. As floodwaters moved downstream, Cambodia and southern Vietnam warned residents in some areas to move to higher ground along with their livestock.

Hive Hazard

An ongoing spell of damp weather in northwestern France appears to be the reason a female beekeeper was left in a coma after being stung by about 100 bees. *Quest-France* reports that the unidentified 58-year-old woman was attacked while attempting to collect honey from her hives in the Brittany village of Kernevel. Local beekeeper Valerie Tygreat told Agence France Presse that the bees were probably being defensive of their hives due to recent inclement conditions that prevented them from gathering pollen.

Earthquakes

A moderate quake along the China-Myanmar border wrecked many homes near the epicenter in China's Yunnan province, but there were no immediate reports of casualties. • Earth movements were also felt in metropolitan Tokyo, the Hawaiian island of Oahu, southwestern Guatemala and northwest Alabama.

Tropical Cyclones

Landslides triggered by Typhoon Nuri's torrential rains killed seven people in the northern Philippines, many of whom perished when their houses were buried in mud. The storm skirted northern Luzon Island before becoming even more powerful while taking aim on China's Guangdong coast late in the week. • Tropical Storm Fay killed at least 50 people as it formed over Haiti. The storm never attained hurricane force, but it was strong enough to rip roofs off homes and cause considerable flooding across Florida. • Tropical Storm Iselle formed briefly off western Mexico, and Tropical Storm Vongfong passed just to the east of Japan.

Let Them Eat Rat

An official in one of India's most impoverished states has proposed easing hunger among the masses by encouraging them to eat rat as a source of protein. "Rats have almost no bones and are quite rich in nutrition. People at large don't know this cuisine fact, but gradually they are catching up," said Vijay Prakash, principal secretary of Bihar state's welfare department. He told reporters that nearly 50 percent of India's grain stocks is eaten by the rodents in fields or warehouses. Prakash said hunting and eating rats would battle soaring food prices by reducing such losses. Rats are already eaten by some members of Bihar's extremely poor Musahar community. The scheme to promote rat snacks among the more affluent includes providing restaurants and hotels with recipes to make rat eating a fine-dining experience.

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Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

On Aug. 28, 1968, at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, tens of thousands of Vietnam War protesters battle police in the streets. Chicago Mayor Richard Daley deployed 12,000 police officers, who severely beat and gassed the demonstrators, as well as journalists and doctors who had come to help.

On Aug. 29, 1958, pop sensation Michael Jackson is born in Gary, Ind. Jackson began performing with his four brothers in the pop group the Jackson 5 when he was a child. The group scored its first No. 1 single in 1969 with "I Want You Back."

On Aug. 30, 1945, Gen. Douglas MacArthur lands in Japan to oversee the formal surrender ceremony and drives himself to Yokohama. Tens of thousands of Japanese soldiers lined the roads, their bayonets fixed on him in one last act of defiance.

On Aug. 31, 1985, Richard Ramirez, the notorious "Night Stalker" serial killer, is captured and nearly killed by a mob in East Los Angeles, Calif., after being recognized. At his trial after the judge imposed a death sentence, Ramirez said, "Big deal. Death always went with the territory. See you in Disneyland."

On Sept. 1, 1864, Union Army Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman lays siege to Atlanta. The Confederates retreated, destroying the city's munitions. In November, Sherman's troops burned much of the city before beginning their "March to the Sea" through Georgia to Savannah.

On Sept. 2, 1969, America's first automatic teller machine makes its public debut, dispensing cash to customers at Chemical Bank in Rockville Center, N.Y. In 1971, an ATM that could handle multiple functions was introduced.

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Those Other Movies on the Move...

Leaving Molou For New Digs

by George Farrell

Those Other Movies (TOM) is leaving the Molou Theatre for new digs at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, located at the high school in Haliburton.

TOM, which is a sub committee of Highlands Media Arts, is a series of movies offered through the film circuit of the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF). The film circuit is now established in over 300 different communities across Canada, and it gives seasoned film buffs, and those who like to watch documentaries from around the world, the opportunity to see movies other than the regular fare, which most often caters to the 18 to 36 male demographic.

The film circuit is also responsible, especially in small communities, for educating some people to a whole other world of entertainment. Hence the name, Those Other Movies. Some titles of movies TOM has made available to viewers are *The Rocket*, *Away From Her*, and *Kite Runner*. None of those particular movies were scheduled to be shown in the regular run at the Molou.

TOM, which runs every second Thursday of the month from September to June, has ended its second season at the Molou, and both seasons have been a tremendous success, with season tickets selling out almost immediately. Season tickets account for 90 percent of sales, but those people who wish to only see the occasional movie are usually able to obtain tickets from the 10 percent pool kept in reserve, and sold at the door.

In addition to viewing the movies there have been spirited discussions afterwards, held at local Haliburton establishments like McKeck's, Tracey's and The Old Country House. These discussions, where people give their views of what they've just seen, are very popular. Sometimes, the directors of the movie have been present to give a talk and answer questions. Such was the case recently when director Leonard Fahrlinger showed up to talk about his movie *All Hat*. *All Hat* is a 'neo western', filmed in Southern Ontario, with a story line about farms being turned into subdivisions.

Why then, after so much success at the Molou is TOM moving?

Tammy Rea, is Chair of Highlands Media Arts, and a TOM founding committee member. Other members are Roberta Coles, Lisa Kerr and Carol McClennan. Tammy filled us in on the move from the Molou.

"First I want to say that we were thrilled when owner Lou Consky let us hold our series at the Molou. It's been wonderful to have it in an old theatre. After running once a month, I don't know how Lou did it every day, because even getting a print up here is an adventure. We're the only town on the film circuit in all of Canada that doesn't have a bus that takes parcels. We've had to get the films sent via courier."

"The Consky family, due to Lou's recent passing, is deciding on what direction the Molou schedule will take in the future," Tammy explains. "Also, due to the evolving nature of image delivery, there's more opportunity now to show a greater variety of movies and documentaries,

many of which are delivered digitally. So, reluctantly, the decision was made to move the series to the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, at the high school."

Tammy concedes that while "there might not be any more popcorn, the committee is trying to make this as close to a movie experience as possible. People will notice an improvement in image and sound quality, and the concession situation is being considered. A possible option is some sort of community involvement, with food and drinks.

The Northern Lights has fewer seats than the Molou -- 220 as opposed to 280. However this has been turned into a positive, because it means that in the future there will be two showings of movies, one at 4:15 and the other at the regular 7:15 time slot. This change means that now more people can see the movies; 440, for the two showings. People will also have an option time-wise, and meal-wise. People can opt to go to the early show and have a meal after, or have dinner first and then go to the movie.

Many people, some seniors especially, don't like driving late at night in the winter. The early show eliminates that. Tammy assures that early movie goers will not miss the after-movie talks if they wish to attend, because there is to be discussions, at a local establishment, after both screenings.

The change to the Northern Lights also means that season tickets will now be less expensive. A series of 10 films for the 4:15 screening will cost \$50 and the price is \$60 for the 7:15 screening, down from the original \$70. New prices for individual tickets are \$6 for the 4:15 show and \$8 for the 7:15, down from the previous \$10.

"We'd like to thank the Haliburton Highlands Performing Arts Society and the high school for making the space available," says Tammy Rea, "and we'd like people to know that we're moving because we're growing, and we need a more flexible venue."

For more information on Those Other Movies, you can phone (705) 286-4179, access the web site at www.haliburton-movies.com.



Janine Krieber, Spouse of Stephane Dion, to Visit Haliburton on Saturday

The Haliburton - Kawartha Lakes - Brock Liberal Party Association has announced that Dr. Janine Krieber, spouse of Liberal Leader Stephane Dion, will be visiting Haliburton this coming Saturday, August 30th, to meet with members of the County's Arts community, and any other members of the public who might be interested.

Dr. Krieber, along with Liberal Candidate Marlene White, will be at the main entrance of Sir Sandford Fleming College, Haliburton Campus, at 2:00 pm. The plan is to walk the Campus grounds, including the Sculpture Forest, and engage in a dialogue about the arts and public policy. Arrangements are being made with the College in case of inclement weather.

Dr. Krieber is on a temporary leave of absence from her position as a professor at the Royal Military College Saint Jean, the Department of National Defence's College south of Montreal, where she teaches courses on the history of terrorism, and how to fight it. She also has a long history of involvement in public policy matters, going back to her days as a student in Paris studying public administration along with her husband. She visited the Peterborough area in June, delivering a lecture on terrorism at Sir Sandford Fleming, and expressed an interest in learning more about the area.

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Artist's Collaboration Intrigues and Leaves Audience Speechless at Forest Festival

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

Stuart Laughton and Peter Tiefenbach showed how their divine sounds could interact with the natural surroundings at the Bone Lake Amphitheatre last Saturday for a small audience during day two of the Forest Festival. The two performed baroque works of Charpentier and Handel in addition to Bernstein's "Rondo for Lyle," Bellstedt's virtuoso "Napoli" variations, R. Murray Schafer's "Aubade" and Tiefenbach's "Canadian Folk Song Sketches."

Before putting on their magical one-hour performance, Laughton, who is regarded as one of Canada's best trumpeters, provided a brief history lesson on the instrument. The trumpet is a musical instrument with the highest register in the brass family.

Laughton even passed around these unique different trumpets to audience members and challenged them to produce an actual note. Most struggled to do so, except for a couple of skilled individuals.

Perhaps one of the oddest looking instruments in Laughton's arsenal consisted of a long, plastic PVC pipe, which no one but him could play. Surprisingly enough, the sound he was able to emit was quite ear-pleasing. This plastic piece was Laughton's example of what a renaissance cornetto sounded and looked like.

"They were made out of wood and had a hole system like a flute," explained Laughton. This trumpet was a hybrid instrument that was popular in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. At that time, it was the most highly regarded wind instrument. The repertoire for the instrument covers the renaissance and early baroque periods. In the hands of a skilled player like Laughton, the instrument can reach the same tone as a violin or human voice.

Laughton also demonstrated his skills on other types of musical instruments operated by a buzzing sound produced by the lips including the conch, piccolo and the baroque trumpet. The trumpets of today's day and age are popular in classical music and jazz.

Throughout their performance, creatures in the water could be seen swimming up close to the shore and birds were circulating in the nearby skies. It was obvious that the wildlife was in tune to the sweet sounds of this two-artist collaboration.

Tiefenbach, a close friend and fellow of Laughton's, let his fingers do all the work on the piano with flawless execution. The highly skilled Tiefenbach has enjoyed a multifaceted career as a performer, composer and a broadcaster.

As a pianist Tiefenbach has also performed with many of Canada's leading singers. He's also a favourite collaborator of soprano-comedienne Mary Lou Fallis. Fallis was also featured at the Forest Festival with her piece, "Primadonna Goes Into the Woods" (see review in this issue).

Also on Tiefenbach's resume is a Juno-nomination for composing and his arrangements have been featured on CBC discs featuring mezzo-soprano Jean Stilwell and soprano Isabel Bayrakdarian.

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Those Involved in Accident Lucky to Avoid Serious Injuries



Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

A mangled Dodge Caravan could be seen on County Rd #21, directly across from the Delta Pinestone Resort, after it was hit by a Ford pick-up truck on Thursday, Aug. 21.

Those in both vehicles were lucky to escape with minor injuries after the incident that occurred around 5:00 p.m. last week. Officers from the Haliburton Highlands OPP Detachment, Emergency Medical Services and Dysart



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firefighters attended the scene.

The investigation into the accident revealed that the Dodge Caravan was heading westbound on County Rd.#21 and was attempting to make a left turn into the driveway of the Delta Pinestone Resort.

A Ford pickup was proceeding westbound behind the Caravan and attempted to pass the Caravan. As the Caravan began to make the turn, it was struck by the truck. The truck came to rest in a grassy area on the grounds of the resort.

The driver of the pickup truck, Kendal Crego (24) of Minden was taken by ambulance to the Haliburton Hospital suffering from non-life threatening injuries. Two passengers in Crego's vehicle were not injured in the collision.

The driver of the Dodge Caravan, David Schlegel (33) of Waterloo and his passengers were not injured. The investigation is ongoing. ■

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He's also a member of the faculty of the Glenn Gould School at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto.

Laughton, who is president of the Patria Music/Theatre Projects, also has his own share of musical accomplishments. At the age of 19, he was a founding member of the Canadian Brass. At 23, he was the principal trumpet at La Scala, Milan under Claudio Abbado. Laughton is a graduate of Philadelphia's Curtis Institute and he has premiered many works by Canadian composers, including "The Falcoln's Trumpet," a concerto for trumpet and orchestra R. Murray Schafer. He also founded a recording company in 1993 called Opening Day Recordings and in 2003 he rejoined Canadian Brass for a three-year period.

Laughton and Tiefenbach joined forces in 1991, when the Guelph Spring Festival agreed to commission a major new work for soprano, trumpet and organ. Laughton selected Tiefenbach to be the composer and the resulting work (with text by Paul Quarrington) was titled "Opening Day." Most recently, the two recorded "Remembrance", an album on Marquis Classics label.

The Forest Festival, which is on the property of the Haliburton Forest, continues until Sunday, Aug. 31. Though the performances of Tiefenbach and Laughton have come to a close, there are still a few more thrilling performances in the day's to come.

For more information on the upcoming shows and for ticket information contact Leslie English, Forest Festival Manager at 705 754-4167 or visit www.theforestfestival.com. ■

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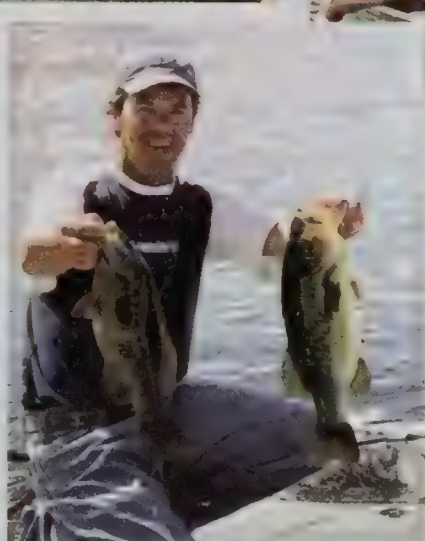
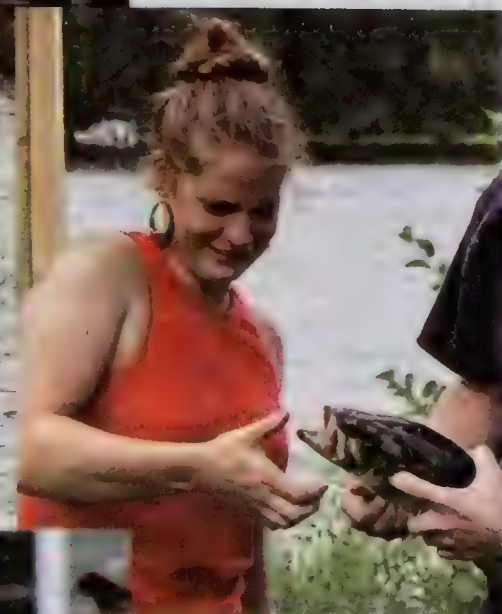
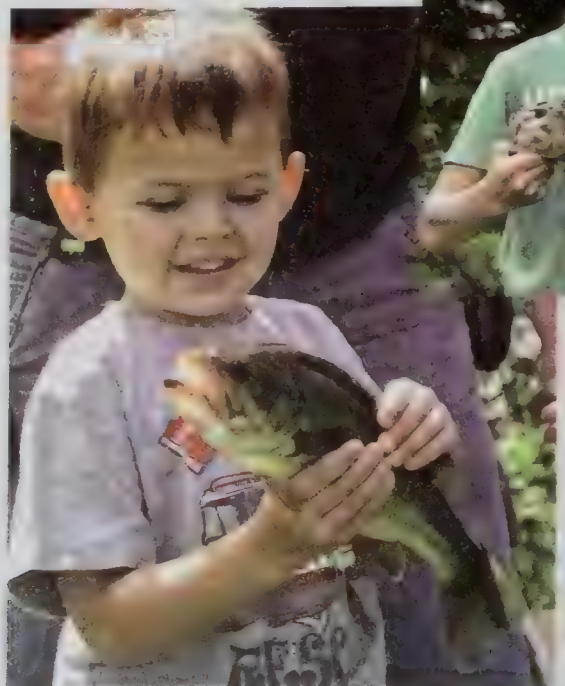


Second Annual Minden Hills Bass Derby

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Lyn Winans

Photojournalist



It was entertainment at its best, and no animals were killed while making this derby.

The Minden Hills Fire Department's second annual bass derby drew 27 teams consisting of both local and summer residents. Mike and Glenda Bryson's generous donation of docks and facilities, along with mother nature's gift of sun combined for a great summer setting. It took Bryson's Marina employee, Kate Dawson, a few minutes to warm up to the idea of being the sponsor's "bass derby rep", but with some coaxing from the firefighters, Kate managed to fulfill her five minute commitment as an angler (quick, take the darn photos!) At close to 2 PM anglers started arriving at the dock with their live cargo.



Fish were carefully transferred to the weigh station and quickly returned to the water. In all, 91 fish weighing 163 pounds (73.9 kg) were caught and set free. Fortunately, bragging rights, photographs and the inevitable fish tales will be around much longer.

Numerous tables were covered with a variety of prizes donated by local businesses, including a BBQ, fish finder and bicycle for the top competitors. "Biggest fish" and "highest total weight" winners also received \$155.00 and \$300.00 in cash.

The team of Scott Bird and Mark Brohm of Lochlin and West Guilford won both largest fish (6.5 lbs/2.9 kg) and highest total weight. (5 fish - 16.6 lbs/7.5 kg). Very close behind was the team of Jim Dodd and Chris Giles of Peterborough, taking second place in both categories. A 2.9 pounder (1.3 kg) earned Jordon Howe of Minden the top youth angler award. Over the course of this summer, winner Scott Bird, a semi-pro angler sponsored by Quantum, has competed in several sanctioned derbies, and has qualified and will be competing in the Classic Bass Mania Tournament in the Bay of Quinte next weekend.

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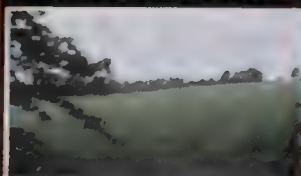
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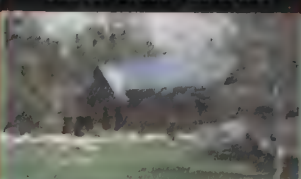
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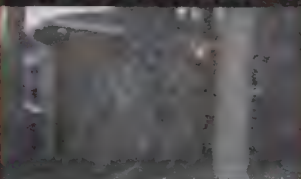
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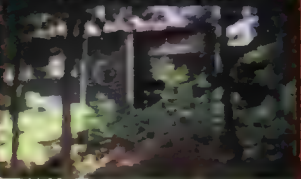
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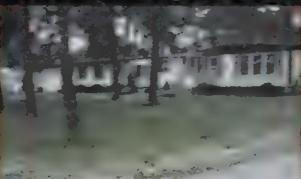
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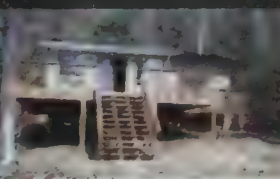
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Cranberry Lake - \$359,000



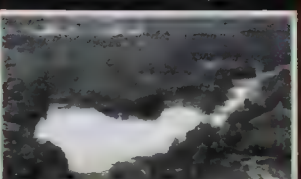
This large three bedroom home sits on a level lot with a big lake view and sand shore. Huge living room and dining room with patio doors. Spacious master bedroom with ensuite and wonderful lake views. This waterfront home/cottage is perfect for the family.

Long Lake - \$298,000



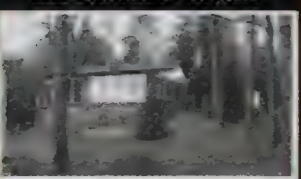
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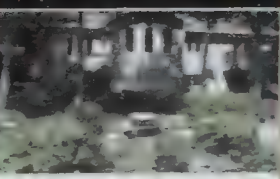
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A River Needs to Run

by Terrance Gavan

Play Traces Slice of Sluice History

We tend to forget hard knocks and hard times and how the birth of a nation unravels slowly, accompanied by sighs, whimpers and faltered steps. Burgeoning democracies are especially prone to fits of pique, trials, errors and twists of fate. Democracy begins with the vote and ends with the shrug of a shoulder. When the shrug becomes contagion, democracies cease to flourish.

In *A River Needs to Run*, playwright Michael Fay's beautifully crafted late summer addition (Aug. 21-24) to the Highlands' theatrical landscape, we are introduced to a cast of characters who

etch, in bas-relief, that scuffle with shrug. This skirmish is about common people confronted by those two unholy scourges of any working democracy, big business and bigger government.

Set at the 1935 dedication of a hydro dam on the Gull River, the play looks at depression-era Minden, and the issues surrounding abuses in relief camp construction projects, through the discerning eyes of a feminist reporter, a veteran photographer, two union heavies, a blasé hydro financier and his flighty mistress. This is a period in Canada's history, which ironically, spawned critical changes to the nation's social safety net, and Fay effectively makes use of exploitation and neglect recorded at the relief camps during the depression as his foil. The ceremony in the play, which Fay labels, The Dedication of The Great Northern Dam, ostensibly happens on October 26, 1935 on the Gull River at the power station, which today sits just downriver from Fay's house. Fay uses this celebration to bring home, with a thud, the huge disconnect between depression-era technological progress and workers' rights.

But, the focus of this production remains the river, and its intrinsic manifest destiny. The river, says Fay, has no vote, but relies on the people's common capacity to intervene between carping cartels and capitulating civil servants. This play then, seeks to mete out the tenets of responsibility and the broader issue of environmental stewardship as it clashes with the onerous tenets of expansion, big business and our uber-reliance on technology. Thus hydropower and its myriad tendrils ultimately provide the gravitas for this production. To wit, our clamor for power juxtaposed against environmental and human concerns.

The play opens with the choir, Minden's OutLoud Womyn's Voices, singing the title song, *A River Needs to Run*. It unfolds with Gwen McEwan, a young, acerbic and sardonic Toronto Star reporter, and veteran Star photographer George Cyr,

ho-humming about their less than luscious assignment covering another bland opening of yet another power plant project. McEwan has just moved over from the women's desk and is, she admits to Cyr, feeling some heat from the old boys' network in the male-dominated Star newsroom. McEwan, played, with just the right amount of practiced aloofness, by Noelia Marziali, is looking for

more than another lacklustre dedication here. Cyr, played by John Miller, is the gruff veteran of the newsy wars and, with practiced eye, has picked out some rabble in the otherwise dignified honor roll of business magnates and local politicians in the crowd. The fun, he whispers conspiratorially to McEwan, is set to begin in earnest. Miller is very good as the irascible, but gentle Cyr, gently coaxing an understated and solid performance from this talented ingénue to Minden theater, Marziali.

The play is tied together by radio host Rita Wright, played with typical alacrity and abandon by the inimitable Jerelyn Craden. Wright is the no-hold's-barred radio

hostess, broadcasting the Dam Dedication to civilization via AM waves, but Craden's ultimate job is to set up the protagonists and block out the action. Director Mark Johnston uses Craden's polished introductions to great advantage, and really it's Craden's voice and timing that seamlessly sews the whole performance together, allowing the cast to pop in and out of focus with a nice tight rhythm. In her opening gambit Wright appears on stage to welcome listeners "from across Ontario" to the opening of the great northern dam. She then belts into a rousing rendition of *My Blue Heaven*.

Fay uses these strategic song segues throughout the play to transport the audience, via musical touchstone, to the 1930s. Craden's rousing radio intros and songs also serve to divvy action between the players onstage throughout the one-act performance. Craden's Wright is also the perfect tool for the dam's financiers, who utilize her multi-faceted talents to intersperse the broadcast with plugs for the new wave. "That song by George and Ira Gershwin brought to you by Hydro Power, making way for the factories and jobs of the future," bellows Wright, in an over-the-top schlock and paean to progress.

The play really starts to move with the introduction of our two major protagonists, the union organizer Robert Ross and local relief camp worker John Stark. Ross, played quite handily by Aaron King, has come in from points west, where he has been very involved in the grass roots organization of the Relief Camp Workers' Union (RCWU). Stark, played by Shane Dibblee, and Ross outline a plan to shanghai the microphone on the dais during the course of the ceremonies. Ross and Stark use their moment at center stage to outline the indignities of the relief camps, the low wages, unsafe working conditions and lack of security. There is a budding love interest struck when McEwan confronts Ross about his plans for the afternoon's festivities. The two have an engaging tete-a-tete where Ross calls the Star "that



River Needs to Run Cast, l. to r. John Miller as George Cyr, Noelia Marziali as Gwen McEwan, Benton Brown as Archie Blair, Emily Stonehouse as Celia Moss, Aaron King as Robert Ross, Betty Mark as Mrs. King, Jerelyn Craden as Rita Wright, and Shane Dibblee as John Stark. Costumes by Laura Trach, a newcomer to the local theatre scene.

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Playwright Michael Fay Brings Minden's Relief 'Camp History to Stage

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liberal rag," and McEwan asserts her working class bona fides with a story of her background in a sewing factory. McEwan knows something's afoot, and tells the wily George Cyr to get his camera ready. Ross and Stark continue to steel themselves for the coup. Both Dibblee and King bring a connection to the script and are convincing in their roles as working class heroes, clunking and tilting against the triune windmills of progress, government and big business.

The latter of course, personified quite nicely by the cocksure industrialist and financier A.L. (Archie) Blair, played admirably by Benton Brown, who arrives on the scene arm-in-arm with mistress Celia Moss (Emily Stonehouse), sporting an entrenched swagger and a bluster befitting a self-proclaimed captain of industry. In the even space of a few minutes Archie Blair dismisses McEwan with a finger's wag, asks that the union rabble be removed and lets his mistress in on his future plans, which apparently include his mercuric ascension as the next Rockefeller. Stonehouse and Brown are truly superb in their roles, playing off one another with a charming and superficial

insouciance. Mrs. Christopher King is the obsequious local presence, wife of a local politician who subscribes to the whim and wish of the hard to please Blair. Betty Mark hits all her marks as Mrs. King.

Fay of course uses Archie Blair to great advantage. Carpetbaggers, robber barons, Texas oil men and Ontario industrialists all carry one common thread. A complete and blatant disregard for the common man. Brown nails that haughty contempt - helped by Fay's well-dickered dialogue - with such panache on stage that the audience cheers loudly when Archie is heckled mercilessly by a tremendously ticked John Stark. Stark is the consummate angry man, a relief camp worker who has seen men he grew up with hurt, maimed or killed on the Minden dam, all for the princely sum of 25 cents a day.

Of course Ross, the union maverick, does hijack the microphone and he takes the opportunity to remind everyone, live on AM radio, of the struggle being waged across Canada for workers' rights.

"A man has a right to safe working conditions; a man has a right to security; and a man has a right to work in dignity," says Ross. The play's denouement comes with all of our protagonists, Cyr, McEwan, Ross and Stark at the dais, talking at once, grappling with their basic humanity at the foot of this stone dam. Separate workers of the world uniting on podium impolitely usurped for this fleeting moment.

And the river?

Held at bay, ready to run, but reliant now on man's not nature's fickle whims.

In the end, we realize that Fay may be fiddling with premise and tweaking our tenets.

When all is said and done, a river needs to run.

But does it also have to earn its keep? ■



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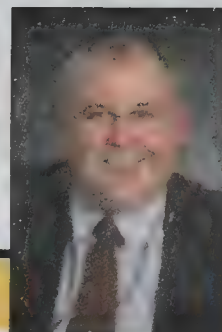
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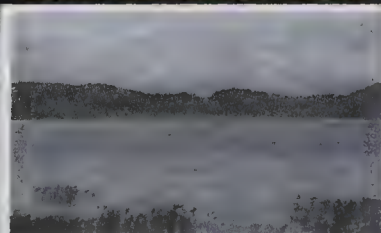
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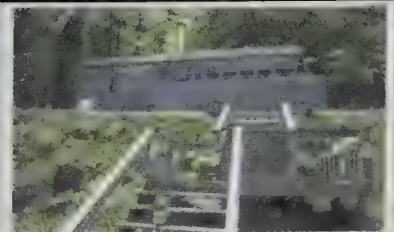
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Only One Day Until 'Blues at the Delta'

Juno-Nominated Guitarist, David Gogo, is "Raring to Go" For Tomorrow Night's Show

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter



Multiple blues award-winner and Canadian Juno-nominated guitarist David Gogo is going to be heating things up at the Delta Pinestone Resort this Friday, Aug. 29 at the Highlands Grand Ballroom.

Including opening local act Ragged Company, the action all starts when the doors open at 8:00 p.m. Tickets have been selling fast for 'Blues at the Delta' presented by Kashaga Productions, the Delta Pinestone Resort and Moose FM 93.5.

In an exclusive phone interview with *The Voice* from the Gogo family compound on Vancouver Island, David seems to be getting amped up for his Haliburton performance.

"It's going to be nice to play somewhere I've never been before," said Gogo. "I'm going to enjoy the sights and sounds and meeting the people."

Gogo, who is an accomplished artist, says it's been quite amazing to work with an array of influential artists within the music industry over the course of his career. On the phone, he recalls meeting the legendary American blues guitarist and singer/songwriter B.B. King.

"A couple years ago I opened up for him. I had the chance to hang out with him at the hotel in Toronto. That was amazing," he says. In his early years as an artist, Gogo was fortunate enough to work with many artists that he looked up to. He began his career as a professional musician at the age of 16.

Things really fell into place for Gogo when the now legendary guitarist Stevie Ray Vaughan arrived on the musical scene. Vaughan was an artist that David found he could easily relate to. Vaughan summed up everything that Gogo aspired to be.

Soon, David had the chance to meet the Texas guitar icon in the flesh. It was Vaughan who encouraged Gogo to pursue and commit to becoming a serious blues artist. Shortly thereafter he formed a band called The Persuaders. Quickly, Gogo and his band mates started to make a name for themselves across Western Canada and they jumped from an after school project to opening for such legendary blues acts as Albert Collins and the Icebreakers.

After a European tour supporting the Fabulous Thunderbirds, Gogo signed a solo deal with EMI/Capitol Music. Although leaving his band was difficult, he realized his destiny was unfolding before him.

In just a few short months, Gogo was suddenly performing on stage with his idols Otis Rush, Blues Traveler, B.B. King and many others at the prestigious Montreaux Jazz Festival in Switzerland. He was also a guest artist on Tom Cochrane's "Mad Mad World" album. Somehow, amidst all this activity, Gogo found time to write material for his upcoming debut. The self-titled album was released to critical acclaim and garnered David a Juno nomination for Best New Artist.

Despite these successes, Gogo decided to part ways with EMI to pursue his passion for blues. Although this seemed like a huge career risk at the time, in his heart Gogo felt that it was the right decision to make. As he returned to his first love, the blues, he released "Dine Under the Stars".

That album was quickly snapped up by Dixiefrog Records in France and he signed with Canadian Independent Cordova Bay Records. Several successful European tours and American blues festival appearances followed.

The release of the more rock-oriented "Change of Pace" got Gogo back on Rock Radio airwaves with the single "Sad & Lonely". The acoustic blues of "Bare Bones" also opened new doors and widened his appeal. As a result, Gogo was named "Musician of the Year" in 1999/2000 at the West Coast Music Awards.

Gogo's fourth Cordova Bay CD "Halfway to Memphis" was released in Canada, the US and the UK with Dixiefrog handling European duties once again. It was an immediate critical and commercial success, and remains his strongest entry to that date.

"Skeleton Key", his fifth CD with Cordova Bay, expanded on his success while giving Gogo the opportunity to explore new ground. David hand picked a slew of fresh original works that demonstrated musical maturity and a full understanding of the blues/rock genre. It's also his treatment of unexpected gems by such diverse artists as Depeche Mode and Stevie Wonder that illustrates his knack for turning material into contemporary blues/rock anthems.

The singles "Personal Jesus"

and "(Just Ask) Jesse James" were heard radiating from radios in sun-drenched convertibles throughout summer. The third single from "Skeleton Key", the R&B influenced "Signed, Sealed, Delivered - I'm Yours", was released on Canadian rock radio last fall while Gogo toured British Columbia and Alberta with George Thorogood.

His most current release "VIBE" is once again on the Cordova Bay Records label. However, distribution has been switched to MapleNationwide/Universal. This album is the first "all original" release by Gogo and features co-writes with John Capek, Tom Wilson and Craig Northey.

This latest release has been making major waves in Europe this year and has been getting rave reviews throughout Europe. It features a special guest appearance by sadly departed friend and Grammy nominated guitarist Jeff Healey as well as Tom Wilson (Blackie & The Rodeo Kings).

"Vibe" was also hand picked by Dr. Manfred Bleskin, the well respected news anchor of N-TV (Germany equivalent of CNN), as one of the "Albums of The Month" featured nationally alongside Ringo Starr, Chris Rea and J.J. Cale. David and his band performed a special acoustic set in front of a live audience that was broadcast across Germany on Radio Bremen in conjunction with his one hour special "On The Tracks".

Gogo kicked off the 2008 year with an extensive 17 date European support tour in January and February with renowned UK rockers, Wishbone Ash. The sold out tour saw the Canadian guitarist perform to enthusiastic fans in The Netherlands, Denmark, Switzerland and Germany, where he made a major impression with his first single "Something Ain't Right" - a heartfelt ballad he co-wrote with John Capek ("Rhythm of My Heart"/Rod Stewart) that was added to commercial radio throughout Germany.

In late March, Gogo returned to perform a sizzling two week headline tour that saw him back in Denmark to play for new found fans and in the Benelux, where he topped the bill on the Bierbeek Blues D'Up Festival and created a buzz through his widespread media appearances. As part of the tour, Gogo also stopped in France to perform a few CD launch shows, including a two night stand in Paris and the band was featured performing a live session at the famous Maida Vale Studios (Led Zeppelin, The Rolling Stones, Pink Floyd) in London for BBC Radio 2 in the UK in January 2008.

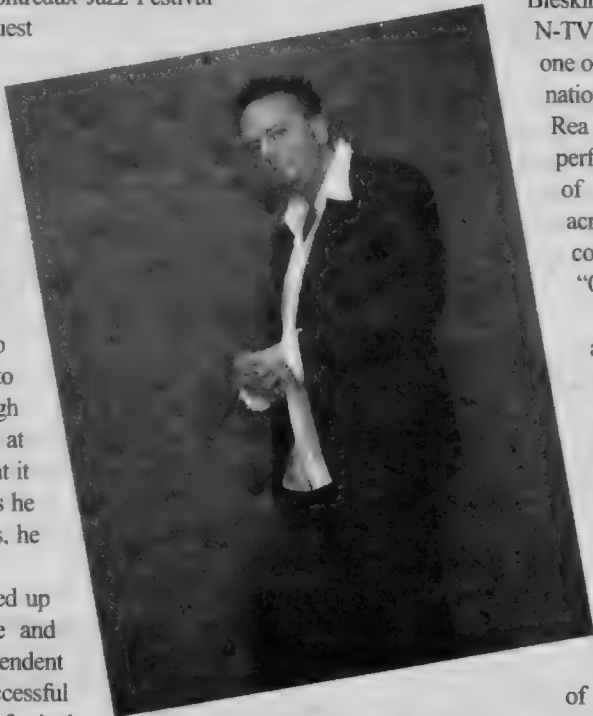
Success breeds success and legendary British guitarist Robin Trower heard the buzz on David Gogo and invited him to support his upcoming tour in Germany April 28 - May 3, 2008. Gogo jumped at the chance to open for one of his heroes and indicated that he is "very excited to be touring with Robin Trower as a long-time fan."

The two time Maple Blues "Guitarist of The Year" is featured in the May issue of GUITAR magazine in Germany and is making stops in Canada to perform some select shows throughout the summer before returning to Europe in the fall for a major headline tour.

Gogo definitely considers himself a "jet-setter", but being able to perform for fans worldwide is what he finds energizing and fulfilling. As for tomorrow night's show with his Ottawa group of band mates, Gogo says he's "raring" to go.

"We're going to put on a high-energy show for a blues rock band," he says. "We'll be performing an array of songs from about four or five different albums."

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Avoid High Speeds: As your speed increases, your aerodynamic drag increases in an exponential fashion. Driving 100 km/h vs. 120 km/h will reduce fuel consumption by about 15 percent.

Do Not Accelerate or Brake Hard: By anticipating the traffic and applying slow steady acceleration and braking, fuel economy may increase by as much as 20 percent.

Keep Tires Properly Inflated: Keep tire air pressure at the level recommended by your vehicle manufacturer. A single tire under inflated by 2 PSI, increases fuel consumption by one percent.

Use Air Conditioning Sparingly: When the air conditioner is on it puts extra load on the engine forcing more fuel to be used by about 20 percent. The defrost position on most vehicles also uses the air conditioner.

Keep Windows Closed: Windows open, especially at highway speeds, increase drag and result in decreased fuel economy of up to ten percent.

Service Vehicle Regularly: Proper maintenance avoids poor fuel economy related to dirty air filters, old spark plugs or low fluid levels.

Use Cruise Control: Maintaining a constant speed over long distances often saves gas.

Avoid Heavy Loads: Remove the sand bags from your trunk in the spring and pack lightly for long trips.

Avoid Long Idles: If you anticipate being stopped for more than one minute, shut off the car. Restarting the car uses less fuel than letting it idle for this time.

Purchase a Fuel Efficient Vehicle: When buying a new vehicle examine the vehicle's rated fuel efficiency. Usually choosing a small vehicle with a manual transmission will provide you with great fuel economy.

If those ten tips don't help out your fuel efficiency, you can always try your luck riding a bicycle. It's healthier, and most definitely cheaper!■

Porn, Sexual Assault, Incest Charges for Minden Hills Man

Officers from the City of Kawartha Lakes/Haliburton County Crime Unit have charged a Minden Hills Township man as a result of an investigation into an alleged sexual assault.

Officers have charged a 50 year old Minden Hills man with Sexual Assault, Sexual Interference, Sexual Exploitation, Incest, Invitation to Sexual Touching, Making Child Pornography, Possessing Child Pornography, Administering a Noxious Substance and Administering a Stupefying Drug.

The male party was held for a bail hearing that was to take place in Lindsay Provincial Court on August 20, 2008.

The name of the accused party is not being released to protect the identity of the victim.■

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About 120 runners dashed off into the searing heat during the start of the 11th Annual Kash Dash, a charity event in support of Canadian Physicians for Aid and Relief efforts in Africa.



Race winner,
16-year-old
Thomas
Toth.



The Kids Dash 1 kilometer winners: Haliburton's Paige (l) and Preston Roberts who were competing in their third straight Kash Dash.

Kash Dash Raises \$5,000 for African Aid

Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

CPAR works in partnership with vulnerable communities and diverse organizations to overcome poverty and build healthy communities in Africa.

A local physician, Dr. Steve Ferracuti has been organizing the Kash Dash event since its inception and was very pleased with both the turnout and the monies raised at the 2008 event held at the Wigamog Inn. He credited a broad volunteer base for the success of the event. "We couldn't run this without them (the volunteers) and I think this year we had a pretty impressive turnout," said Ferracuti. He added that this year's event raised in the neighborhood of \$5,000 with all of those funds destined toward relief strategies in Africa.

"We're really happy with that and overall I think it went really well," said Ferracuti. "It was all very positive, and even though it was a little hot, we had the water stations set up and people handled it all pretty well."

In fact things have been running so well over the past 11 events that Ferracuti has even had an opportunity to participate in the last two events. "When I first started this I was always too involved in the details - and a little nervous - and felt I shouldn't really be running, but last year and this year again I was confident enough to take part," chuckled Ferracuti, who placed 11th overall in the 10 kilometer run.

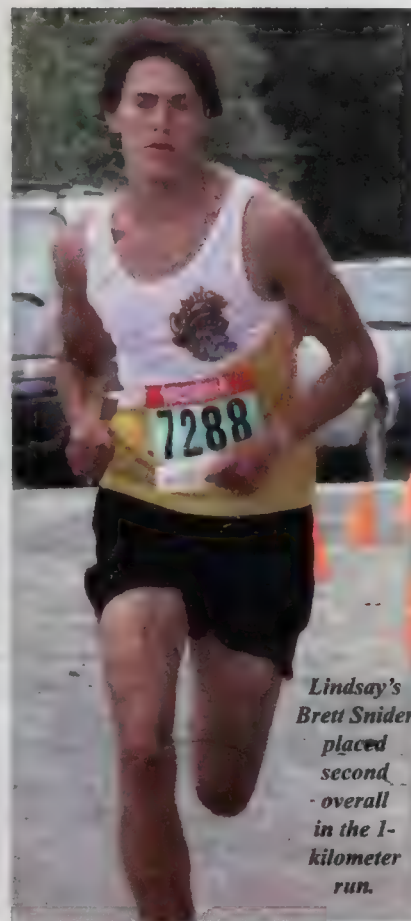
Ferracuti, in addition to organizing this event, is also involved at a grass roots level with CPAR activities in Africa. In fact he had an opportunity to take Maddie and Joe, his two oldest children, with him to Uganda this year for a CPAR meeting.

He allowed that even though this organization has its roots in Canada, and was formed and founded by a group of Canadian physicians, today, well over 90 percent of the organizational foundation resides in Africa. "The donor aspect is in Canada, but the program planning and development is 90 percent African," explained Ferracuti. Mostly these are grass roots organizers, on the ground doing strategic work to improve overall living standards.

The website (located at www.cpar.ca) offers insight into CPAR's comprehensive vision and all-encompassing goals. That vision, contained within the working tenets of CPAR is succinct and fivefold.

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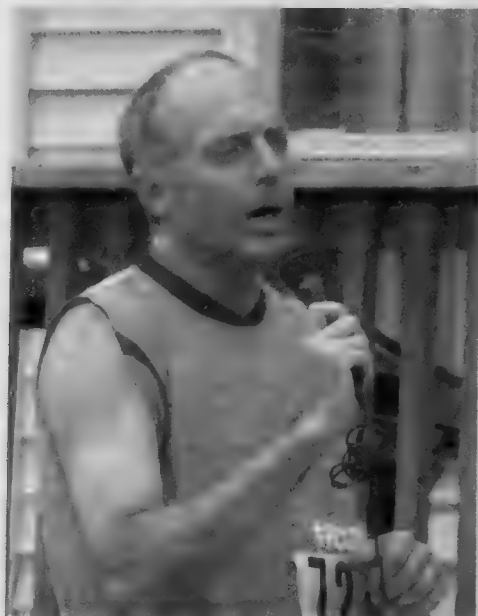
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Kash Dash Another Success

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Event organizer Dr. Steve Ferracuti welcomes all the runners just before the start of the race.

created and sustained by the environmental, physical and social conditions that affect people living in a particular community."

Ferracuti said that initiatives run the gamut from medical concerns to comprehensive living strategies. A major dent has been made in clean water and anti-malarial initiatives, but Ferracuti says that a great deal of work still has to be done in the area of Aids and HIV research and programs in Africa.

"Malaria, Aids, farming practices and even micro-loans are all things that we support through our funding," says Ferracuti. He adds that every contribution is a positive step in the process, allowing the African workers on the ground to move forward with goals, aimed at providing a better standard in both health and living milieus.

There are many ways to give, says Ferracuti, and he adds that Canadians are becoming more aware of the discrepancies that Africa has to deal with on a daily basis.

A poignant story on the CPAR website outlines just how aid strategies can affect change. In attitudes and motivation.

This year, six-year-old Gabriella Laws will be trading in her birthday gifts for clean water in Africa. The young girl from Calgary created a fundraising page on CPAR's Face of Giving website (www.faceofgiving.ca) and has raised \$560 to-date. This amount exceeds her initial goal to raise \$250 to help provide clean water to community members in rural Tanzania. As the website story says, Gabriella feels that she is extremely lucky to live in Canada and that it often takes very little to help others who may be less

fortunate. "For my 7th birthday on July 3rd I am not asking for presents - instead I would like people to contribute to my Face of Giving water project," says Gabriella. "Water is essential for life and I hope, together, we will be able to improve the lives of many."

And of course, that's a pretty uplifting scenario, but Ferracuti says that everyone who ran last Saturday in the Kash Dash also contributes to effective coping strategies supported by CPAR. He added that he would really like to thank the community for their involvement.

And of course everyone was there for the giving, but as usual, a lot of these dedicated runners also came with personal bests on the line. All good-natured of course. And, let's face it, who could resist busting a move down the Wigamog line in 30 degree heat with a 98 percent humidity index? Piece of cake, right?

No? Okay, let's just say that there are a lot of giving souls in this neck of god's green hectare.

There were 28 kids enrolled in the One Kilometer Kids Dash and 117 registered entrants in the 10 Kilometer race. Haliburton's brother and sister tandem of Paige and Preston Roberts took home first place honors in the Girls and Boys sections of the 1 Kilometer Kids Kash Dash. Preston finished first overall in an impressive 3:56.4. Paige was the first girl to cross the line in 4:14.2. Guilford's Tom Pavi placed second overall in 3:58.4. Tarek Kudmani of Aurora placed third in the boys event in 4:29.8. Brooke MacNab from Wilberforce placed second in the girl's category in 4:30.1. Toronto's Brianley Holmes placed third in the girls' event in 4:33.2.

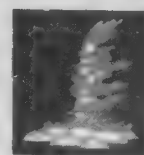
Preston and Paige said this is their third year for the Kash Dash and both said that they don't do any special training to prepare. "It's only a fun run and it's only a kilometer, so I just come out and run," said Preston. Paige said that aside from being a little hot, they had perfect conditions for the race.

Lakefield resident Brian Toth finished first overall in the 10 Kilometer Dash. The 16-year-old Toth, who also runs high school track at Lakefield High School was second in the event last year and this year ran a 4:33.2 in the heat. Toth takes his running pretty seriously, but said he was ultimately there to support the Kash Dash goals for relief in Africa. "It was a little hot today, but it wasn't too bad," said Toth after the race. "It's a nice event, well organized and it's fun to come out and run."

A Lindsay tandem, Brett Snider and Brandon Spencer finished second and third with times of 38:29.7 and 40:39.8 respectively. Lisa Avery of Orillia was the first woman to cross the line with a time of 41:28.5. Anita Brummer of Coldwater was second in the women's event finishing in 44:37.1. Stephanie Smith of Aurora was the third woman in at 46:29.0.

Ferracuti said that you don't have to be a runner to contribute to the cause. Just visit www.cpar.ca and follow the links to add your donation. Or contact me at sports@countyvoice.ca and I'll point you in the right direction. ■

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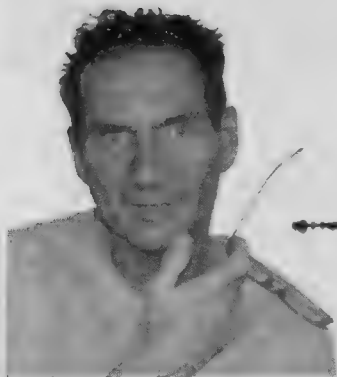
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Rogge Should Put Down His Gavel and Pull Up a Drill



Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

International Olympic Committee (IOC) president Jacques Rogge spitballed, skewered and shanked Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt a week ago for showing what he deemed a lack of respect to other competitors after Bolt's world-record-breaking gold medal shots in the 100 and 200 meters.

Here's what the obsequious orthodontist said last Thursday, to the gathered world press, on his way to his stretch limo and his penthouse suite.

"That's not the way we perceive being a champion," Rogge said.

Here's what I think about that.

It's time to place your gavel on the dais and fire up the word processor, Monsieur Jacques Debauch. Dictate a letter. It should go something like this:

"Please accept my letter of resignation as president of the IOC. It's been a fun ride, manipulating entrenched bureaucracy, issuing goofball recommendations, toying with various and sundry Olympic delegations, assessing the viability of host country's bribes ... er, incentives and generally diddling away countless millions of hours behind my big oak desk, proclaiming, posing, pronouncing, and postulating. I hate to leave, and I'll miss the stretch limo, private jet, my butler Francois, maid Marie, my Polo Pony Charlemagne, my Lexus, my modest castle in Versailles and all of the other accoutrements that coincide with being a captain of sport industry on the world stage. But carpetbagging, carping and colluding can wear you down after a while. Trust me on this. I grow weary. And of course, I will now be free to sit on the boards of at least 35 Fortune 500 companies, twiddling my thumbs and pissing ... er passing the time perusing my swelling stock portfolio. Oh and I will truly miss the Belgian waffles served in bed with my triple shot espressos. So yes, it will be hard to say goodbye, but alas, my dental practice awaits ... and truth be told, I miss, like hell, the pulling of the teeth."

Here's what I think about that.

Whewwwwwww! I haven't been this happy since the Wicked Witch of the West slid into a crack in the yellow Brick Road. Wait. Something's fishy here. Something's rotten in Denmark. Go ahead. Someone pinch me. I may be dreaming. Yowww! Darn it ... not that hard!

Okay, so it was a dream. I'll forge on.

What else has our dilettante dentist Rogge got to say on the subject of the infectiously happy Jamaican?

"I have no problem with him doing a show," Rogge said in another recent stop and chat. "I think he should show more respect for his competitors and shake hands, give a tap on the shoulder to the other ones immediately after the finish and not make gestures like the one he made in the 100 meters."

Here's what we think about

that delightful slice of Rogge-ish backwash. Spit please! Oh and this just in.

Hey doc, the x-rays are back and we decided to move the plate from your lower bicuspid to just south of your right ear. Good news. There is not one hint of synaptic activity in the vicinity of the cognitive recesses of your brain. Not one firing neuron, not one trace of ganglionic response. It's almost as if you have somehow pissed off Laurence Fishburne and he has, in a fit of pique completely dislodged you from the Matrix. Archie Bunker describes this condition as typical type A Meathead syndrome, a trait he first recognized in his know-it-all son-in-law Michael Stivic. Archie Bunker calls it being "dead from the neck up." Ah, those were the days.

But I digress.

I heard that you

have a few other choice words for our dancing, prancing Jamaican.

"I understand the joy," Rogge said. "He might have interpreted that in another way, but the way it was perceived was 'catch me if you can.' You don't do that. But he'll learn. He's still a young man."

Let me get serious for just a moment here.

Usain Bolt is not Peter Pan and the sooner Mr. Rogge figures that out the better. I am hearing some overtones here that make me feel very uncomfortable vis-a-vis Monsieur Floss and Dross. Usain is 21. He is not a child. He lives in a third world enclave, and he is celebrating for them. No one I know begrudges this young man his moment in the sun. This spew from our totalitarian tooth tugger is disconcerting.

Rogge is an arrogant, waspish prude, who has never doffed the trappings of a euro-centric view of the world. His pronouncements on Usain's celebrations are nothing but the trifling whines of a man, who has removed himself from the real world. I have a very slim view of the IOC in general and Mr. Rogge in particular. What disturbs me here is the tone of his comments and the general demeanor of his response. He has picked out the Jamaican. He has chosen to single out the celebrant from a country, which rejoices and revels in staccato outbursts and spontaneous dance. This is an island that spawned Bob Marley for god's sake. Rogge made no such pronouncements when Irish and Norwegian riders were sent home for doping their horses. He didn't bat an eyelash when our Canuck fencer Ms. Schalm spouted forth with a string of four letter rejoinders at the end of a hotly contested match.

Rogge accuses Bolt of arrogance. Ironical that. Billy Shakespeare had a thing or two to say on that. Methinks the dentist doth protest too much.

Here's one last telling bit with our Molar Mogul.

"Bolt is in another dimension in sprints," Rogge said. "Bolt must be considered now the same way like Jesse Owens should have been in the 1930s. Bolt has a bigger edge than Owens on his rivals. Of course, Owens had the long jump too, so you can't compare people. If he maintains that in the future, Bolt will be someone that probably leaves a mark like Jesse Owens."

Here's the rub. Jesse Owens' contribution was to history first and sport second. Owens tweaked the beak of Adolph Hitler and his regime of Aryan superiority. Owens was 70 years ago. Tommie Smith and John Carlos were

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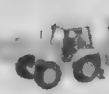
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Why a Lake Plan?

By Don Benson.

"This lake is fully developed so we don't need to worry about additional development" or, "This is a lake trout lake, so no additional cottages can be built". These statements reflect traditional thinking that may not apply today. Relying on these statements is akin to thinking that your property taxes won't increase. Planning for the future of your lake takes a community effort and is vital for the long term health of your lake and surrounding watershed.

As anyone can observe, an increasing number of people are choosing Haliburton as a seasonal or permanent living destination. It is the special character of the lakes and rivers here combined with the surrounding countryside that is so appealing. Where else can you find deep, clear, clean water, forested hill horizons, abundant wildlife, exciting fishing, boating and nature's tranquility all within close proximity to a large urban market?

These characteristics have benefited and are valued by both private and commercial members of the lakeside community. Continued growth and development can take place while retaining the natural appeal of our lake areas if growth is approached with a sound stewardship plan that involves the entire community. This can be achieved for each lake or group of lakes through a Lake Stewardship Plan.

The Lake Plan or Lake Stewardship Plan is a strategic document that:

- Summarizes the vision of property owners and the surrounding community for the lake and watershed for the short and long terms;
- Sets out principal features that characterize the lake and its surroundings;
- Presents guidelines for achieving this vision, including priorities and desirable actions. The document may also include a history of the lake and its surroundings;
- Provide for regular reporting to shoreline owners, the surrounding community and local administrators on issues as they arise and on actions taken to achieve the vision.

Lake planning is a community-based process involving input from residents, commercial owners, local residents and

lake users, local government staff and elected representatives. It should be regularly revised with new input, viewing it as a 'living' document for future generations. Several lakes in Haliburton County have completed this process and others are considering it.

We can speculate what a lakeshore community values are, but to truly know, you must survey the community. Ideally, the survey should include not only the lakeshore property owners, but also those residents who live within a thousand feet of the lake, as well as visitors to the lake.

One recent survey on a local lake identified the following values, in order of priority, ranging from 98 percent to four percent: Water quality, Scenery – view, Natural shoreline, Peace and Quiet, Swimming, Dark night skies, Canoe/kayak/sailing, Wildlife viewing, Fishing, Power boating, Hunting. With a 70 percent return rate on surveys, this lake is able to confidently state what the residents' priorities are. Similarly, other opinions and information were obtained in regards to concerns over issues such as shoreline appearance, priorities for municipal regulation, surface water use conflicts and fisheries management.

As a result of the findings, a brief vision statement was developed to reflect the values of the community living on or near the lake. It is important to note that a commercial workshop produced very similar values and concerns. The process resulted in the following vision statement: "A place where water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, natural beauty, recreation enjoyment and peace and tranquility are maintained and improved for present and future generations of the entire community to enjoy." This statement gives the lakefront community a common goal and shared vision for the future drawing people together and creating a self monitoring set of expectations.

If there isn't a lake management plan in place already for your lake, consider getting one started. Lake management plans explore the big picture, helping the lakeside community to recognize and protect the unique character of a lake while considering land use and larger watershed matters. A well-developed plan empowers the community and brings the public together around the sustainable future use of our lakes.

(Don Benson has been a Council member since 2000. He's a retired school principal and president of the Mountain Lake Property Owners Association who just recently completed the Mountain Lake Stewardship Plan after a three year effort.)

The Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council and the Federation of Ontario Cottager's Associations (FOCA) have been generously funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation to develop a resource to support waterfront property owners in their lake planning and water resource stewardship efforts. This will be a cost effective resource in the form of CD and hard copy format, accessible to all waterfront communities. The material is to be available to all lakes in the spring of 2009. With planning and foresight, our grandchildren will be able to enjoy all of the characteristics of the Haliburton lakes that attracted us to them originally. ■

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sent home from Mexico City by the IOC for raising gloved fists in solidarity with civil rights objectives in 1968.

Amazing then that this man, Rogge is still talking about black men leaving marks, as if it should be necessary, as if they've still got something, collectively, to prove.

Every time a black man endeavors to leave a mark at these Olympics he has been met with censure and ridicule.

Why should it bother me today that Rogge is allowed to tell this Man, Usain Bolt to quit acting like a boy?

Wait, I think I just answered my own question. The boy was muted, but the sentiment was left floating in the wind. Which is why I'll be emailing that resignation letter to Mr. Rogge.

Someone pinch me. Is it really 2008?

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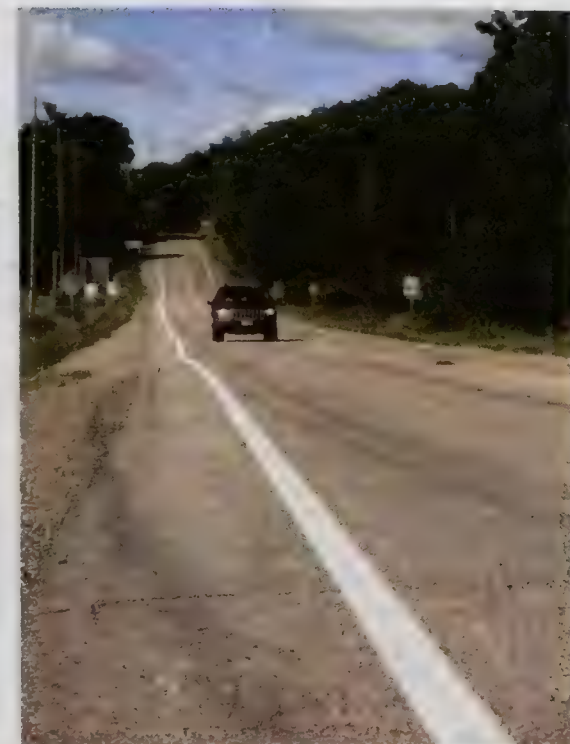
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Colin Johnston

There are many cyclists within the Highlands that spend their time pedaling along local roads. Although this may be a pleasurable activity, it is not without its risks. Most of the road shoulders within the county are loose gravel, which forces cyclists to bike on the road. To avoid a collision, motorists often have to swerve. If there is no oncoming traffic, this isn't much of a problem. However, many Highlanders have experienced tense moments as they try to avoid collisions with cyclists and other vehicles. Cyclists have every right to use the roads, which means that bikers and motorists must safely coexist. One of the most viable ways to ensure cyclists safety is by creating bike lanes or paved shoulders.

Bike lanes or paved shoulders are 1.5 to 2-metre-wide lanes on the side of the road that are limited to bicycle travel. A well-designed bike lane should encourage cyclists to ride in the correct position on the road when travelling more slowly than the cars. Smoothly paved shoulders

The Need for Paved Shoulders and Bicycle Lanes



adjacent to the travel lanes can significantly improve the situation for bicyclists. They can provide a reasonably safe area for bicyclists to ride that is out of the stream of high-speed motor vehicle traffic. Further, shoulders can provide a buffer between bicyclists and the turbulence created by passing trucks. It has been proven that cycling lanes significantly decrease motor vehicle/bicycle accidents. In Ireland, for example, the provision of hard shoulders on interurban routes in the 1970s resulted in a 50 percent decrease in accidents.

Glenn Scully is the president of the Haliburton Real Easy Ryders cycling group and he believes paved shoulders would be a great boon for the county. "Cycling is becoming so prominent up here that we absolutely need paved shoulders," he said. "They make it much safer for cyclists and give them peace of mind. There are a lot of big trucks and logging trucks up here. They go pretty fast. If there are trucks travelling in both lanes a truck driver can't always move to avoid a cyclist. Cyclists are afraid to go on the gravel shoulder because they're afraid they'll fall. It's a real danger."

Scully believes that paved shoulders for cyclists could benefit the county economically. "When people come up from the city, the first thing they do is take their bike off their car rack," he said. "They ride down the road, and when the first big truck

goes past them they say 'that's enough cycling in the Highlands for me.' If the shoulders were paved, people would feel safer biking on county roads. The Real Easy Ryders club goes on a lot of biking tours. But we often have to drive all the way down to Victoria County to do it. We go to Victoria because they have paved shoulders and we feel safer."

Paving the rail trail would be another economic booster for the county, Scully believes. "Most of the old railways in southern Ontario are paved, and cyclists love them," he said. "The Haliburton rail trail is pretty rough, making cycling difficult. If the rail trail was paved from Lindsay to Haliburton there would be hundreds of cyclists coming up and spending the night in local accommodations."

Scully said that some roads within the county, like Highways 118 and 21, do have sections of paved shoulders.

U-links has worked with the Haliburton Cycling Coalition acting as survey analysts for their cycling master plan. U-links president Heather Reid believes that paved shoulders for cyclists are a good idea. "From the U-links point of view, I know that there is a lot of demand for paved shoulders," Reid said. "Personally, as a cyclist, I think that the main arteries of the county, like highways 21 and 35, definitely need paved shoulders for bikers."

"Most roads in the county don't have paved shoulders," said Dysart Roads Superintendent Brian Nicholson. "But as roads are being reconstructed they are being added. So there is an increasing amount of them for cyclists. The decision to create more paved shoulders is not decided by the roads department though. It's a council decision. Creating them for all the highways would be a big undertaking though, and likely very expensive"

Haliburton County CAO Jim Wilson does not appear to be overly concerned by the lack of paved shoulders. "It's not really a big area of concern. There is a cyclist report being released shortly, and it will probably address paved shoulders. I think the volume of traffic on a road should determine if there's a paved shoulder," he said. "I do believe that paved shoulders for cyclists would be economically beneficial for the county."

At the moment it would appear as though local roads will not get paved shoulders unless the entire road is undergoing reconstruction. Thus, it likely will be a long time before the majority of local highways are properly fitted for cyclists. Until then, cyclists and motorists will just have to continue being careful and hope for the best. ■

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On Wednesday, Aug. 20, kids and adults made their way to the Ontario Early Years Centre (OEYC) in Minden to learn all about school bus safety. The Laidlaw first-ride program is held every year just before the start of the school year.

"The bus company likes to run this at this time of the year. It keeps bus safety fresh in children's minds and it also gives them and their parents a taste of what going on the bus will be like," said Julie Pearson, Supervisor at the OEYC. "This is directed towards the kids that are starting junior kindergarten or those kids who might have moved and now have to take the bus instead of walk to school. This really breaks the ice for them."

Before heading out to get on the bus, an educational Winnie the Pooh video on school bus safety was played for the kids. Literacy Specialist Bev Jackson was also on-site to inform parents about exercises they can practice with their children at home to boost their confidence and understanding of words and numbers.

The kids were taught how to properly get on and off the bus, how to behave on the bus and had the chance to cross the street properly.

Lynn White, Laidlaw Location Safety Manager for the County, also gave kids and their adult supervisors a ride up to Archie Stouffer Elementary School (ASES) and back to the OEYC building. ■



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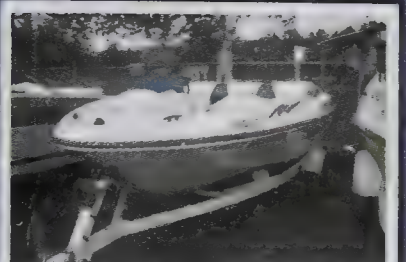
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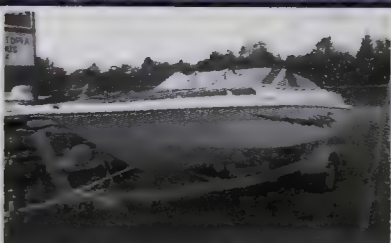
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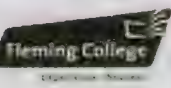
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Emergency Access Blocked at Big Hawk Lake

Folks living on Round the Bay Trail heading into Big Hawk Lake who need emergency services could find themselves on very shaky ground. Families living in eight cottages on the privately built road are often blocked from the only access they have to their properties and the response time for emergency service vehicles trying to reach anyone experiencing a medical emergency could be fatal.

Round the Bay Trail is a private road which was built almost three years ago by property owners in the area with the necessary approval of the Ministry of Natural Resources. The cottagers have formed the Hawk Lake West Road Association to operate and maintain the road. Round the Bay Trail has also been registered with 911 services to ensure that people living on the road have ready access to all emergency services available through the County and the Municipality.

According to Ken Warden, President of the Association, those same cottagers have very grave concerns about access for emergency service vehicles because of the increasingly hazardous vehicle parking situation at the mouth of their road in the public parking area behind Big Hawk Landing. Warden cited frequent instances where vehicles have been parked in ways that completely block their access creating a potentially dangerous situation.

Warden and Woody Earle, owner of the Big Hawk Marine, met with the Algonquin Highlands Council and their Manager of Operations Brian Whetstone last week to seek a solution to the problem. Warden, in describing the parking that was creating access problems said that one of their members, who owns a larger truck, has to "tiptoe through parked vehicles to access his cottage."

Warden said, "One of our members had a heart attack on Saturday night at his cottage and is in grave condition. His wife wanted the message passed on that she drove her husband to Minden herself to meet an ambulance, given her concerns about an ambulance being able to access their cottage." Warden said he had looked at the number of vehicles parked in the area the next day and confirmed that it would have been a very serious problem. "This is a tough situation," he said.

In his letter to Council Warden outlined his Association's belief that the Fire Marshall's Act of Ontario guarantees them access to fire emergency vehicles. Because of this, he asked that signs be erected in the public parking area to identify the route as a fire emergency access route. He also asked

"This is a tough situation."
(Ken Warden)

weekend which clearly illustrated the potential for a dangerous situation. He said that over the same August long weekend a large commercial vehicle had been blocked from accessing their road due to inappropriately parked vehicles. He said that

Council to consider conducting an on-site inspection to get a better handle on the situation.

Warden provided photographs taken on the August long weekend which clearly illustrated the potential for a dangerous situation. He said that over the same August long weekend a large commercial vehicle had been blocked from accessing their road due to inappropriately parked vehicles. He said that access to the Marina was also impeded.

Reeve Eleanor Harrison sympathized with Warden's concerns, saying, "A picture says a thousand words and this is the worst I've ever seen it there." Harrison also commented that there were even cars blocking other cars.

Warden said he had been placing notices on the parked cars asking people not to block their access, but to no avail as people simply threw the notices away. He said,

"The situation has become dire and that is why we have come to Council."

Warden was basing his requests on the assumption that the land in question was municipal land. After some discussion it was clarified that in fact the parking lot is on Crown Land, but is maintained to some extent by the municipality.

Whetstone said that his department had considered a potential parking area where the snowmobile trail is, but decided to improve the access to the log chute where there seem to be more and more cars. He provided some ideas on how he could expand the parking area at no great cost if all concerned parties were in agreement.

Deputy Reeve Tom Gardner commented that Council should proceed with caution, reminding them that other similar requests for maintenance or improvements to private roads had been submitted to Council and subsequently denied. Whetstone suggested that if there was a land use agreement in place there would be no issues with maintaining the road.

Harrison suggested a meeting with the MNR's District Manager to discuss enforcement on Crown Land. She also commented that the municipality may be able to persuade MNR to agree to a second level parking lot or expansion of existing area. A number of options were considered.

Council was in agreement that the first step would be an on site meeting and inspection. In the meantime, Warden said he had signs prepared to once again ask people not to block their access. Earle commented that it was his hope that the problem could be worked out through a solid team effort, something that everyone concurred with.



Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I am 11 years old. My problem is my dad won't spend time with me. He always has friends over, or he's too tired. I have written letters to him to hang with me and how I feel. Now what should I do? -- LONELY GIRL IN MAINE

DEAR LONELY GIRL: Because you have already tried getting through to your father, ask your mother to talk to him about his priorities. Perhaps another adult can help him understand that spending time with you is more important than hanging with his buddies. Believe me, you have my sympathy. When fathers were handed out, you got one who doesn't understand the responsibilities that go along with being a parent. It is very important that you recognize that this in no way is a reflection on YOU. If, after your mother speaks to your dad, he still doesn't see the light, then rather than brood, try filling your time with other things such as Girl Scouting, sports, hobbies and church youth activities. In the end, the loss will be your father's because these are important years that he will never be able to get back or do over again.

DEAR ABBY: I work in a restaurant, and one of the biggest complaints I hear every summer is how cold it is inside. We keep the temperature set at a constant 72 degrees year-round. Could you please remind people that for the comfort and safety of those who are cooking and serving that it needs to be slightly cooler inside? Please bring a sweater for your comfort. Even 72 degrees is not cool enough when you're working in a restaurant. -- HOT IN NEW PARIS, OHIO

DEAR HOT: As someone who has frozen my behind off in more restaurants that I can count, your customers have my sympathy. Because this is a complaint you receive every summer, someone should suggest to your manager that the air-conditioning system be checked by a professional to ensure it is operating properly -- and that all areas of the restaurant are properly balanced. Because this problem occurs so often in the summer, of course women should bring along something to cover their shoulders. Men are lucky. Most don't have this problem because nature blessed them with their own natural fur coats.

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LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Get all the facts about that investment "opportunity" before you put even one dollar into it. There could be hidden problems that could prove to be costly.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Compromising on a matter you feel strongly about not only ends the impasse, but can be a win-win deal for all. Remember: Scorpions do well with change.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) With all the demands you currently have to deal with, accepting the help of family and friends could be the wisest course to take at this time.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Dealing with a pesky job problem might be time-consuming but necessary. The sooner you get this situation settled, the sooner you can move on to other matters.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Career advancement is favored thanks to your impressive work record. On the personal side, you should soon hear some good news about an ailing family member.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) There might be mixed signals from a certain someone who doesn't seem all that certain about his or her intentions. Best to sort it all out before it becomes more confusing.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Recent upsetting incidents might have left you with a big gap in your self-assurance. Refill it by spending time with those who know how worthy you really are.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A dispute about money needs to be resolved quickly, before it festers into something more serious. Consider asking an impartial colleague to mediate the matter.

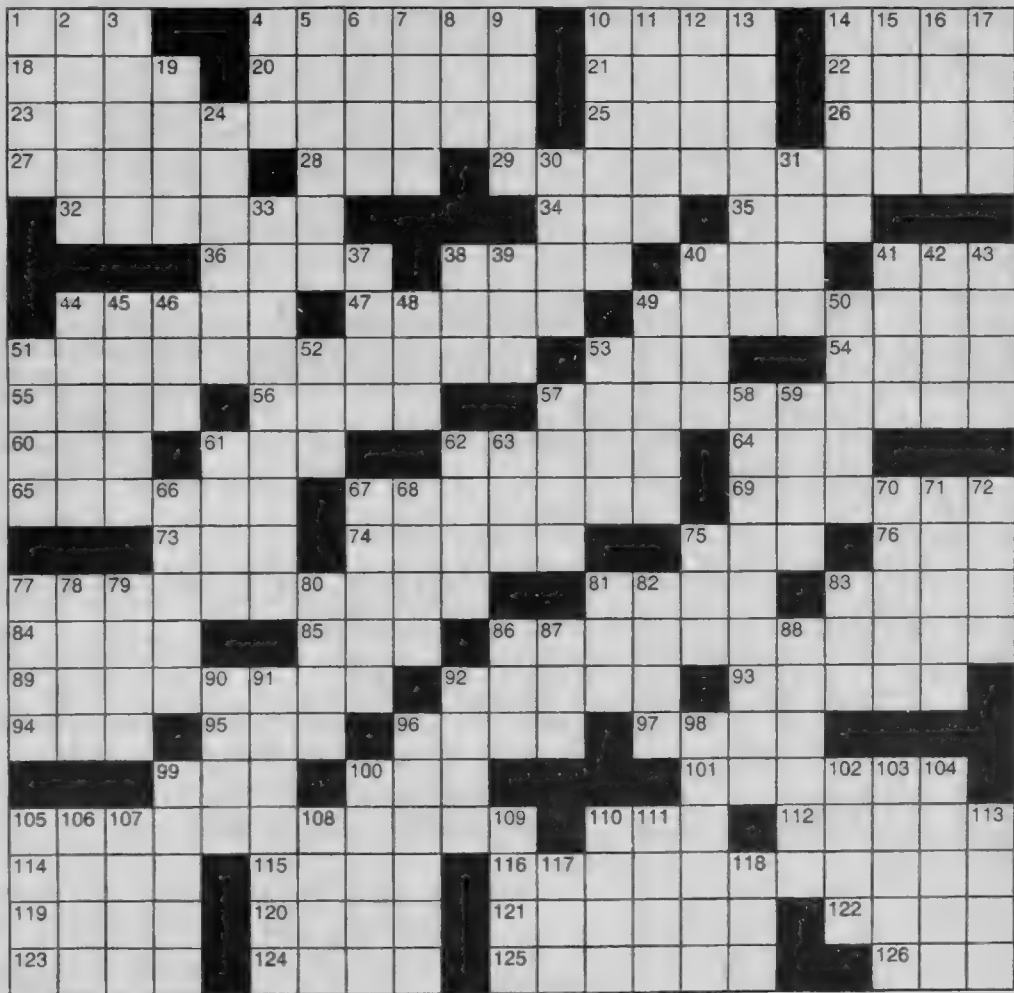
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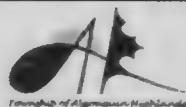
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Township of Algonquin Highlands
R.R. #2, 1123 North Shore Rd.
Minden, ON
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ATT: Mr. Brian Whetstone CRS-S
Manager of Operations
705-489-2379

We thank all applicants and advise that only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

This personal information is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act and will be used to determine eligibility for potential.

Management of PAWS Animal Shelter Needs Review

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

The Protecting Animal Welfare Shelter (PAWS) will be losing their Pound Keeper after 30 years of continuous service. Lynn Neuman, who has been faithfully taking care of animals from Bancroft, Faraday, Wollaston and Highlands East, has resigned effective the end of August. The shelter is located in Faraday on the Monck Road, but as no others exist in the area, it serves the four municipalities.

Neuman's resignation was raised at the Highlands East Council meeting this month, during a report by By-law Officer Terry Graham. Graham reported that he attended a Municipal Dog Pound Board meeting in mid July and had raised a number of issues related to the care of animals and the condition of the facility. (The Board consists of a representative from each Municipality and is chaired at the present time by Councillor Suzanne Partridge).

According to Graham the outside run area is in deplorable condition. He also reported a lack of shade and water, overgrown weeds and grasses, holes in the fencing and a run area that is not large enough. During the meeting Graham said a number of other issues were brought forward by Neuman including lack of ventilation, no answering machine, no proper quarantine area and insufficient storage for equipment.

Graham reported that after the meeting Council representatives from both Highlands East and Wollaston were given a tour of the shelter and were in agreement that it was unsatisfactory. Graham recommended that more time should be allotted to the care of animals and the facility itself.

According to Faraday CAO Brenda Vader, the annual budget for the shelter is \$32,000. These costs are shared between the municipalities being served on a per capita basis. The pound keeper's position is part time for one and half hours daily. The facility is open every day of the week but there are no public visits on Sundays.

During that hour and a half each day the pound keeper has to exercise the dogs, clean up the pens, maintain the yard, cut the grass, pick up feed and then deal with the public from 5 pm to 6 pm. As well, the keeper is responsible for doing any other repairs necessary to keep the pound in operating condition satisfactory to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs.

Graham also reported that the problem with cats in Cardiff continues, along with the feral colony in the Wilberforce area. He said that cats were being trapped as time permits in both those areas and any other where complaints are received. According to Graham animal control is being handled in a much more proactive way at present.

Partridge advised Council that an emergency Board meeting about the Shelter was to be held on Tuesday, August 19th. Partridge agreed that the condition of the shelter was pretty bad.

Partridge also said that there were concerns about the number of feral cats being taken to the shelter, particularly with the number of them being taken to the local vet to be euthanized. She suggested that this may have been upsetting to the individual managing the shelter. Graham acknowledged that this, but said that at the present time there is no other option. Graham said that he had spoken with the SPCA and they have no problem with how the feral cats are being handled. ■



Building Department News Release August 22nd, 2008

Council for the Municipality of Highlands East, in response to a number of concerns brought forth by the taxpayers and local builders have been working together with the Chief Building Official to address and alleviate those concerns presented.

Council's main objective is to have the municipal operations run smoothly and we pride ourselves on going the extra mile to make that happen, while not stepping outside the boundaries that we are governed by.

Public relations and communications is what we have been recognized for while maintaining the rules, regulations and by-laws of the municipality.

To that avail, Council has authorized the hiring of additional qualified staff to assist the building department during this busy and difficult transition period.

Council thanks all concerned parties for their cooperation during this period and anticipates that all concerns will be addressed in a timely and professional manner.

For further information contact:

Sharon Stoughton- Craig, CAO/ Treasurer
Municipality of Highlands East
2249 Loop Road, Box 295
WILBERFORCE, ON K0L 3C0
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Municipal Notices

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Landing in
Trees

Barenaked Ladies Star
Ed Robertson Survives
Airplane Crash

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

In was back in July when Barenaked Ladies singer Steven Page was in the news for his arrest in New York on drug possession charges. Once again, a member of the group has garnered international media attention.

This time around it was the group's frontman Ed Robertson who involuntarily made headlines after his Cessna 206 plane crashed in the Baptiste Lake area in Hastings Highlands at 12:30 p.m this past Sunday.

According to a Bancroft O.P.P. media release, it was reported that the plane was attempting to take off from the lake when it lost airspeed and entered a wooded area west of the lake. There were three other passengers in the plane at the time of the



crash, including Robertson's wife: all four occupants escaped without injuries.

Susanne Cox, Community Services Officer for the Bancroft O.P.P. Detachment, said that the initial call alerting police of the accident came in from a witness. Officers and members of the Hastings Highlands Fire Department were first to arrive at the scene.

The investigation into what happened is being conducted by the Transportation Safety Board of Canada.

"They are looking into it and are gathering all of the necessary information," said Cox.

A couple from Bancroft, who are close friends with Robertson, say that the singer is fine shape. The two wish to remain anonymous.

"He's fine, he's just shaken up a bit," said the source for *The Voice*. "He was able to climb out of the plane."

The source indicates that Robertson has a cottage just down the road from them on Baptiste Lake.

Ever since the sources names were leaked to media, calls have been coming to their home non-stop. From NBC, to CNN, to CBC, they have become the target of the press for statements.

One member of the media went to extreme lengths to try to receive a few quotes.

"She called around midnight and demanded that I wake up my husband," says the source. "I ended up hanging up on her. It's been crazy around here," says the source.

The source also confirmed on Tuesday that the plane is still up in the tree and that firefighters have been guarding the site for the past 24 hours.

The Barenaked Ladies is a Juno-winning and Grammy-nominated Canadian alternative rock band.

In An Ironic Twist...

Robertson is the host of a new adventure show called Ed's Up. The tongue-in-cheek musician takes time out from his successful music career to face a series of challenges. An avid pilot, Robertson spends 16 weeks being dropped into tough environments, like a tree-planting camp, a steel mill, and a gold mine. With only a set of GPS coordinates and an adventurous attitude, he has no idea what he's getting himself into.

In Memoriam



Dorothy (Dot) Letourneau
August 31, 2006

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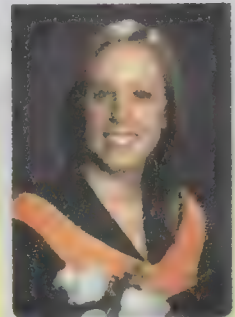


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Lauren
Carleton

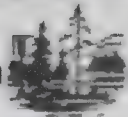


Recently graduated with
honors with a Bachelor of
Science degree, specialty in
Kinesiology from Western
University. Daughter of
George & Sharon Carleton
of Etobicoke and
Granddaughter of Don &
Donna Lloyd of
Haliburton. Lauren is
currently employed at the
Etobicoke Rehabilitation
Centre.



Congratulations Lauren!

Death Notice



Shirley Kathleen (nee Clement) Hearty



(Formerly of Haliburton & Keswick, Ontario)
Peacefully at Peterborough Regional Health Centre after a
courageous battle with Huntington Disease on Friday morning,
August 22, 2008 in her 72nd year. Beloved wife of the late Neil
Joseph Hearty. Much loved companion of Jim Williams. She
leaves her brother Donald Edwin Clement and his wife Grace
of Haliburton. Very special aunt to Terry (Karen), Bob, Marjorie
(Richard Ogden) and Rebecca. Also loved and remembered
by many grand nieces and nephews, Michael, Alisha, Jessica,
Cassandra, Daniel and Joseph all of Belleville. She was a
wonderful aunt. Predeceased by her parents Herbert and Alma
Clement (nee Gainforth).

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Events

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EVENTS- HIGHLANDS FESTIVAL SINGERS. Rehearsals for the fall session begin at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, September 2nd at Haliburton United Church. The Choir, under the direction of Melissa Stephens, will be preparing to perform Handel's Messiah on November 22 and 23, 2008. Please bring your own score, if possible. Come out and join us. Also HIGHLANDS MALE CHORUS. Commences practice on Tuesday, September 2nd at 6:00 pm at the Haliburton United Church- under the direction of Melissa Stephens. Come and sing with us. september a 08

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A Primadonna Goes Into the Woods

Twilight Show Kicks Off Forest Festival

Terrance Gavan

Staff Reporter

In they came. On canoe at sunset, the light blue sky disappearing to inky navy blue behind them.

Mary Lou Fallis, the stoic Primadonna, in full-length operatic gown topped with full beekeepers facemask, talking to the audience, gathered expectantly at the Bone Lake amphitheater, via wireless microphone. Peter Tiefenbach in the front of the canoe, paddling, semi-constrained by the tight

gathers of his black tuxedo. David Ambrose, erstwhile guide and makeshift butler paddling in, alone in another canoe, burdened with all manner of camping, singing and performance gear.

As they pull up to the dock, Fallis is doling out an endless stream of banter, her face still hidden by the beekeeper's shroud. Fallis apologizing for being late. Fallis blaming the local chapter



of the Natural Resources Cultural Outreach Ministry for the delay. Fallis asking Tiefenbach where the Grand Piano is. "They promised us a grand piano and I don't see it anywhere." Fallis finally removing the beekeepers shroud to the delight and resounding applause of the audience gathered at the amphitheater in the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve. And finally, Fallis

barking orders to the manservant and not-so-obsequious toady, David Ambrose, who politely acquiesces to our Diva's every whim. But not without prompting and never without that perplexed and long-suffering shake of his head, an indication to the audience that he's been stuck on this

Primadonna in the woods gig at least a fortnight too long.

Fallis, Tiefenbach and Ambrose opened the annual Forest Festival last Friday evening with a twilight concert and production entitled Primadonna Goes Into the Woods. The talented triumvirate played to a very appreciative, intimate gathering at the Bone Lake venue.

The 2008 Forest Festival is presented by Patria Music and Theater Projects, and they could not have picked a better production to open the festivities. The Festival runs from August 22 through to August 31 with all of the events held in the picturesque confines of the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve. The sunset concert series at Bone Lake provides festival patrons with a truly marvelous stage. The acoustics are enhanced by the open air and sheltered lake. The effect is magic on the right night. Last Friday evening unfolded cloudless and bright, with a hint of marginal echo

in the air. It was the right night for magic.

Fallis, Tiefenbach and Ambrose are all ultra-talented, and they play superbly off each other's unique gifts.

The performance is driven, of course, by Fallis whose operatic talents blend melliflously with her capacity for self-deprecation. The overarching result is a night of fun and hilarity with a performer who knows how to infuse a stage with her presence. And in Fallis's case, that presence is large, solid and all-encompassing. Oh, and more than mildly captivating.

Fallis made her operatic debut at 15 in a CBC-TV production of the Magic Flute. She studied with Irene Jessner and Maureen Forrester at the University of Toronto. Her operatic roles include Gabrielle in La Vie parisienne at Stratford and Flora in The Turn of the Screw with the National Arts Center Orchestra in Ottawa.

She has also built a very successful career in comedy, dovetailing her operatic bona fides with an innate and fun approach to her art. It's her comedic sensibilities, which have labeled her as a successor to the popular Anna Russell.

She is perhaps best known in Canada for her Bravo Network television series Bathroom Divas, which is opera's answer to American Idol. She hosts Diva Diaries on CBC Radio and her Primadonna portrayal is well-known from

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a number of her very popular one-woman shows. Tiefenbach and Fallis have been doing this solid schick together for years in storied venues like the Rockefeller Center, and that ease of interaction was evident last Friday. They click as a duo, and Ambrose, who is a multi-talented actor, singer and director in his own right, proved an excellent foil as their man Friday. Ambrose is the Music Director at Runnymede United Church and conductor of the Mississauga Centennial Chorus. He has collaborated with Tiefenbach and Fallis directing their Primadonna Choralis. His voice and comedic presence added to a highly enjoyable evening of frolic, singing and fun.

Tiefenbach is a Regina native with degrees from Northwestern University and the Royal Academy of Music. Like Fallis he is a familiar presence on CBC Radio and is the former host of The Arts Tonight and Radio Concert Hall. He still sits in on many CBC Radio recording sessions.

The show began with a "fishing song" penned, apparently, by Franz Schubert, a beautiful piece played spectacularly on the improvised Grand Piano (yes they found a Yamaha baby grand circa Ray Charles on the dockside stage under a tarpaulin), Tiefenbach showing his deft touch while Fallis sang in German with Ambrose dutifully translating the incomprehensible lyrics into English. Franz Schubert may not have been pleased with the overall esthetic, but it had the audience in stitches.

During the second half of the performance, the Fallis and Tiefenbach duo ditched tux and gown in favor of some campfire gear, while the accommodating Ambrose set up the tent, campfire and deferentially poured martinis.

The premise of the show, involving the audience as campers gathered for this night of fun and hilarity under the aegis of



the MNR's Cultural Outreach division, provided no end of fun.

There was a segment with Fallis doing her best Martha Stewart as host of an off-the-cuff and rather bizarre cooking spot. There was the reading spotlight where Fallis introduces us to that dreadful and depressing First Canadian Novel, Susanna Moodie's *Roughing it in the Bush*, a woe-filled staple forced upon an unsuspecting Canadian elementary school

population, like polio shots, lodged into a curriculum as a painful but apparently necessary evil.

"She does nothing but whine and complain for 400 pages,"

says Fallis, of the moody Miss Moodie, earning the biggest laugh of the evening as the audience got to choke out collective angst over the force-fed pap delivered by the less than effervescent Oh Susanna.

The show at one point segued, not quite sure how, to a grand portrayal of the 1924 opera *Rose-Marie*. Fallis as Rose Marie and Ambrose as the valiant Royal Canadian Mountie, Sergeant Malone (replete in red dress uniform and sidearm). The opera, we are told, begins in Fond Du Lac, Saskatchewan, moves to the Kootenays and ends in Quebec City. Fallis explains that the play was co-opted by Nelson Eddy and Jeanette MacDonald in a dreadful 1936 flick, which dumped the music and large sections of the original plot. Tiefenbach, Fallis and Ambrose do their level best to redefine the lost operatic plot, but in the end, as Fallis duly notes, the play's a thudding dud, but the music is nice.

Also in the course of the second act the audience was able to transport back to youth and some lively group participation as the trio engaged with some traditional campfire fare.

Row your Boat, Clementine, I'se the Boy that Builds the Boat and She'll be Comin' Round the Mountain echoed across the still and peaceful waters of Bone Lake as the show drew to close.

Fallis, Tiefenbach and Ambrose then retire to the tent. There is a hush.

It's dark. The principles have disappeared. The audience grows perplexed. Then, we hear a zipper as the tent window is opened.

"You can all go home now!" shouts Fallis.

It brings down the house and one woman shouts "goodnight" to the trio in the tent as we depart.

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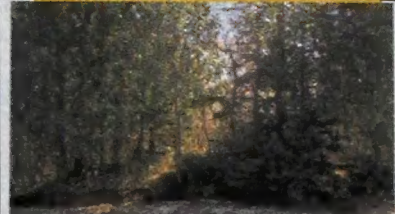
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